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CITY OF KEENE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

A RESOLUTION ordering the printing of Annual Reports, &c.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows: That there be printed as soon as may be, for general circulation, under the supervision of the Joint Standing Committee on Printing, a sufficient number of copies, in pamphlet form, of the proceedings attending the inauguration of the City Government in January last, together with such Ordinances and Joint Resolutions as have since been passed, or may be thought proper, with the Reports of the Finance Committee, the City Marshal, City Solicitor, Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery, the Board of Health, City Clerk, City Messenger, Superintendent of Water Works, Superintendent of Streets, Engineer of Fire Department, and any other matters thought expedient.

GARDNER C. HILL,
President Common Council.

Approved December 5, 1877.

EDWARD FARRAR,
Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

L. C. DOOLITTLE,
City Clerk.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1877.

The members elect of the City Government having met for organization, agreeably to the provisions of the City Charter, the oath of office prescribed by law was administered to the Mayor elect, Edward Farrar, by the City Clerk, L. C. Doolittle, after which His Honor the Mayor administered the oath of office to the following Boards, viz:

Board of Aldermen:

GEORGE W. BALL,
THOMAS E. HATCH,
IRA F. PROUTY,
GEORGE H. TILDEN,
HENRY S. MARTIN.

Board of Common Council:

BENJ. D. HUTCHINS,
JAMES S. TAFT,
LUTHER H. STARKEY,
ORREN S. GLEASON,
WARREN W. MASON,
ORLEN D. PRATT,
WILLIAM P. CHAMBERLAIN,
JASON FRENCH,
HARVEY PHILLIPS,
JOSIAH M. WOODWARD,
GARDNER C. HILL,
JOSEPH WILSON,
EDWARD C. THAYER,
FRED. E. ROBINSON,
GEORGE F. SANBORN.

Prayer was offered by Rev. G. W. Norris, after which the Mayor delivered his Inaugural Address, as follows:

MAYOR FARRAR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Councils:

In entering upon the new year we have new cause to recognize the hand that has so long preserved this community from any extraordinary misfortune. The last year has been, as many former years have been, unvisited by the pestilence that walketh in darkness and destruction that wasteth at noonday. Depression in business still continues, and labor still seeks employment. A new enterprise in the city and vicinity seemed for awhile to present to the laborer a new promise. Many came from abroad in consequence, seeking employment. To be sure they found work, and all seemed to go well with them for awhile. But the promise proved to be a cruel delusion. Soon our hearts were pained at sight of crowds in our streets seeking in vain the just reward of their labor. Failing in this many were thrown upon the care of the city authorities to save them from starvation. Many were furnished by the city with means to go to their homes if they had them, otherwise to go and seek employment elsewhere. It is to be hoped that schemes that succeed or schemes that fail will not soon entail such results again either upon the city or upon the poor laborer.

FINANCE.

The finances of the city are, all things considered, in a satisfactory condition. The expenditures of the past year have been unusually large, but it will be found on examination that a very large portion of such as are not common to all years have been for improvements of a permanent and desirable character. Of this class are the expenditures for the extension of Water Works, the enlargement of Woodland Cemetery, and the acquisition of land purchased for gravel. These items alone aggregate the sum of $14,268.81. Other items will be noticed in the summary of expenditures given in the report of the finance committee, which perhaps should be noticed here. The item of ordinary city charges is unusually large. This item embraces charges not very ordinary or very usual. Such are the expenses of the appraisal of real estate required by law in 1875, and the printing of the report of that appraisal, the expenses for surveys, for sewerage, and of the

engineer's services and printing of his report. This item also embraces charges for services and rents accruing in former years, and also the expenses for police services during the year. The unusual amount of these expenses has been owing in some degree to the large number of people brought here by calls for laborers to work on the new railroad, and to their discontent on account of their failure to obtain their pay. They became threatening and disorderly, and extraordinary measures were required to keep the peace and protect property. But the increase in that item of expense has been occasioned by the fact that two night and one day policemen have been on duty constantly. This practice was adopted early in the year, and has been continued to the present time. It should also be noticed, if footings are to be compared with footings of last year, that the sum of $3700 has been paid to Union School District for school money raised by the district in 1874 and 1875, and that $2600 more has been paid to the building committee of the district than was called for last year. The pauper account will also be seen to be much greater than it was last year, owing in a great degree to the aid given by the city to the laborers thrown upon its charity as already stated. For the aid thus given the city has a claim against the county, which is now pending before the court on appeal from the County Commissioners. The expenses of the Fire Department were increased by the addition of twenty men to the Deluge Engine Company, and by the purchase of new hose. Six thousand dollars of the town debt was also paid in 1876 against three thousand in 1875. Particulars thus given will serve to account for the apparently large amount of expenditures as stated in the Finance Committee's summary.

The general balance of assets over indebtedness, leaving out the water debt, as it is usual to do, compares favorably with such balance reported the last year. Six thousand dollars of the town bonds were paid last July. Thirty-eight hundred became due the first day of this month. The funded debts of the city are as follows, to wit:

Town Bonds,		$ 7,900
Payable July 1, 1877,	$4,900	
" Jan. 1, 1879,	3,000	

The Water Loan,		$155,000
Payable Jan. 1, 1879,	35,800	
" July 1, 1880,	3,200	
" Jan. 1, 1882,	4,000	
" July 1, 1882,	6,500	
" July 1, 1883,	4,000	
" Jan. 1, 1884,	17,500	
" July 1, 1885,	10,500	
" Jan. 1, 1887,	4,000	
" July 1, 1887,	7,500	
" July 1, 1888,	500	
" Jan. 1, 1889,	21,700	
" July 1, 1890,	11,300	
" Jan. 1, 1892,	4,000	
" July 1, 1892,	9,000	
" July 1, 1893,	5,500	
" Oct. 1, 1896,	10,000	
		$155,000

In view of the early maturity of a large amount of the water bonds, the question comes before us, Should we make any provision at this time to meet or anticipate their payment? The revenue of the city does little if anything more than pay the ordinary expenses of the city, including interest on the bonds. It will be for the Councils to consider whether anytning more should be done the present year than meet current expenses. If so, a larger sum should be raised by taxation than is recommended by the Committee on Finance. The Committee were governed in their recommendation by consideration of the times, and that $10,000 a year is to be paid on the debt of the Union School District. If nothing is to be added to the fund invested in the State bonds to meet the maturing water bonds, it may, at least, be well to consider whether the money taken to pay for the extension of the cemetery, and for the land purchased for gravel, should not be wholly or partially restored to the treasury by a tax for that purpose. After purchasing the land for gravel a joint resolution was passed authorizing the sale of the same, reserving to the city the exclusive right to take the gravel. It is hoped

that a favorable opportunity to effect such a sale will soon present itself. The Simmons and ministerial funds, about $4000 in all, were put into the town treasury and used for general town purposes. It may also be well to consider whether these funds should not be restored and kept invested for their legitimate purposes. Let us at all events see that the expenses of the city are kept within reasonable limits, and retrench where retrenchment is possible and proper.

HIGHWAYS.

The report of the Superintendent of highways gives in detail the work done and improvements made upon the streets and roads the past year, and the particulars of their present condition. Some important improvements have been made in the old streets and roads, all of which are reported to be in good condition. New streets have been laid out as follows, viz: George street, running Easterly from Washington street, North of Mr. Ephraim George's house, across Beaver Brook, by houses built by Mr. Amos F. Knight and others to the house of Mr. David Knight on the hill. This street has been partially wrought, but it needs other improvements. Woodburn street, (lately called West Court street,) running North from Portland street to the South line of David Hutchins' land, over land formerly owned by Nathan Wood, and reserved by him for a street. This street has not been finished, but is in passable condition. Water street court, running from Water street to Royal H. Porter's North line, over land of James Hoit, reserved by him for a street. This street or court has been wholly built. Butler's court, running from Winchester street Southerly over land reserved for a street, to the Ashuelot river. No work has been done upon this street. Extension of Island street, running from the South end of Island street over land reserved by Messrs. Faulkner & Colony for the same, to and across the Ashuelot river, and over land of Abel Blake and of the Union School District to Winchester street. No work has been done upon this extension. The principal expense of it will be involved in building a bridge over the river. The improvement was deemed by the board of sufficient importance to justify the expense. Russell street,

a short street running Northeastly from West street over land reserved to and by houses of Charles L. Russell. This street has not been finished, though passable.

The Superintendent reports the appropriation for highways nearly exhausted. The improvement in Marlboro' street in front of Mr. Cole's house has involved an extraordinary expense. On Dec. 1, 1875, there was reported unexpended of the appropriation of the year previous, only $44.12 to commence the work of the new year with. There were bills chargeable to highways contracted during that year and unpaid amounting to about $250. The constant wear and wash of highways brings constant need of repairs. It is idle to suppose that roads may be so well repaired one year that they will need no repairs the next. Each year will have its own wash and wear, and the amount of expense for repairs of the great length of roads in Keene, cannot be much less any year than the amount usually appropriated. The last appropriation for highways made by the town of Keene, was $10,000. The year following, the City Councils appropriated $7000, and last year $8500. We cannot estimate the annual cost of work on streets and roads at much less than this last sum. The committee recommend $7500 as the sum to be raised this year for highways.

Material of an excellent quality for the repair of our streets is exposed by the changing current of the Branch near the foot of Main street, on land lately owned by Mr. Daniel W. Robinson. The Councils have thought best to secure the whole supply, for the use of the city. By their authority the land was purchased the past year. The supply of river gravel thus furnished will obviate, to a great extent, the purchase of material for the repair of streets. This supply is constantly renewed, and is deemed inexhaustible. Some experiments have been made in concrete walks the past year. The walk across the street from the Cheshire House to Elliot's Block seems, so far at least, to be a success. There is need of such improvements in other places. There is need especially of a better walk from near the Cheshire Bank to the depot. It is hoped that something further in this direction may be done the coming season.

WATER WORKS.

The whole amount authorized by the Legislature having been expended in the construction of water works, it was deemed expedient to ask for authority to expend a further sum. Upon application to the Legislature at its last session, authorized by the City Councils, leave was granted to the city to expend the further sum of one hundred thousand dollars. There being an important section of the water works situated on the west side of the river supplied by a single main across the river, and there being an urgent demand for the extension of the works on Winchester and Pearl streets, the Water Commissioners asked for an appropriation to enable them to make the desired improvements. The City Councils consequently appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars for those and other improvements that might be necessary, involving no more than that amount. The Commissioners have since caused the main on Winchester street to be extended across the river at the bridge, and down the street to the residence of Mr. Horace Hamblett, and have connected this main with the main crossing the river at the bridge on West street by a main through Pearl street; extending the use of the water to families in great need of it, supplying additional fire hydrants to that section, and securing the water takers west of the river against interruption in their water supply by reason of any accident to a single main crossing the river; such an accident might happen at a season when it might be impossible to repair an injury at such a place. The expense of these extensions, including thirteen hydrants, has been $7,714. An extension has been made on Prospect street at a cost of $318.05, and one on High street at a cost of $37.75. A hydrant to supply a street sprinkler has been placed on Main street, costing $43. The Commissioners report the total addition to the construction account the past year to be $8,078.03. It is believed that this money has been judiciously and economically expended, and that its expenditure has been justified by the just claims of the tax-payers, for whose immediate benefit it has been expended, and by the circumstances of the case. The water works have been faithfully and judiciously managed and cared for the past year, and are in excellent condition.

Although there has been a small addition to the number of service pipes, there has been a slight falling off of water-takers and revenue. It is probable that the long-continued depression in business will account for all this. For full particulars as to the construction and current accounts, and other interesting matters connected with the water works, I refer the Councils to the reports of the Water Commissioners and Superintendents.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Keene has ever been mindful of the claims of the firemen, and has increased their pay from time to time, as the growth of the town has rendered the calls for their services more frequent. Our firemen are ever ready, night and day, to attend to calls for their services, and to risk their lives and limbs in the performance of their duty. A liberal policy towards them should be pursued as the most economical in the end. Readiness and alertness in answering to the calls of duty are indispensable qualities in a fireman. Let them know that these qualities are appreciated, and they will be more eager to display them. It is presumed that the Councils will readily vote them their accustomed compensation, that is to say, six dollars and a half in addition to the three dollars which the law requires as the least they should be paid. I would recommend early action that they may know what pay is assured them. The necessity of a better fire alarm has been further proved by another year's experience. I earnestly recommend that the Councils give early attention to this subject. For many particulars as to the condition of the department and its needs, I take pleasure in referring the Councils to the report of the Chief Engineer, whose suggestions and recommendations I commend to your favorable attention.

BURYING GROUNDS.

The Cemetery question is settled at last. Acting under a late Act of the Legislature authorizing the taking of land for burying grounds, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, upon a petition for that purpose, have laid out an extension to Woodland Cemetery, taking about seventeen and a half acres of land belonging to the estate of the late Thomas M. Edwards.

lying Northeasterly of the cemetery, and between two and three acres of land of M. J. Sherman, connecting the same with the cemetery. Under joint resolution of the City Councils the committee have made a purchase of about five acres more of the Edwards estate lying North of the above, enlarging the cemetery about twenty-five acres, at a cost of a little over $2500. The new grounds have been partly cleared, the main avenues mostly laid out, and the ground adjoining the cemetery graded, so that with some further preparation, lots will be ready for purchasers early the coming season. It was deemed desirable to enlarge Woodland rather than establish a new cemetery in another part of the city. In doing this it was necessary to take such land as could be had without too great expense. Of the land so acquired some portions cannot be used for burial purposes, but it presents great variety of surface, and under proper treatment the whole is capable of being utilized, and the roughest of it made to contribute to make a place of great beauty. This cemetery question has been one of long standing. The last year has been nearly worn out in its discussion. Although some may not be satisfied with the disposition which has been made of it, all will be glad that the city has at last found for it a place of rest. *Resquiescat in pace.*

No proper provision has been made by the City Councils for the care of the other cemeteries of the city. An Act of the last Legislature provides that cities and towns may accept, as trustees, legacies or donations made to secure proper care and attention to cemetery lots by their owners, making it the duty of the cities and towns to faithfully apply the interest of such sums to the care of such lots. The city will be very likely to receive such sums, and have a duty to perform in relation to them. An ordinance should be passed providing for the care of all the cemeteries, and also for the expenditure of the money devoted, under the above mentioned Act, to the care of particular lots. I would recommend the passage of a well considered ordinance, embracing the whole subject of cemeteries, their care and management.

SEWERAGE.

That some complete system of sewerage should be established for the city of Keene will no longer be questioned by intelligent men. The reasons for it are so familiar and have been so often reiterated that a discussion of them does not seem to be called for here. The fact that we are constantly filling the ground with filth, that water stands above the surface of the ground in many places portions of the year, and just under the surface in large portions of the city all of the year; that the village is infested much of the time with festering pools and unhealthy accumulations, and that a system of sewerage would remedy all this, cleanse the city and lift it out of standing water, instantly occur to the mind. The only questions seem to be as to the system to be adopted and the time when the work shall be commenced. A survey of the city has been made and a number of plans laid before the city by an experienced engineer. The City Council, adopting one of these plans, last year authorized a call for proposals for the building of the main from the river to Central Square. The Aldermen passed a joint resolution to authorize a contract for the building of that section. The Common Council did not concur with the Aldermen in taking this important step, partly, it is understood, for the reason that they doubted whether the plan proposed was the best one and whether it would answer its purpose, and partly on account of the expense it involved. The wisdom of experienced and scientific men must be relied upon in this matter. If the best plan proposed is not the best possible, our first step should be to make an attempt to ascertain the best and to employ the best talent to point it out to us. Having obtained a satisfactory plan, we may as well make a beginning without further delay. The work can be done cheaply now, and furnish much needed employment for the laborer. The city may take its own time for payment, and need not therefore add essentially to the present burdens of the tax payer. I would earnestly recommend an early consideration of this subject. Further discussion may satisfy the Councils that the plan recommended by Mr. Ball is on the whole as good as any engineer can discover.

SCHOOLS.

The laws of the State leave with the several school districts, to a great extent, the care and management of their own schools. The City Councils may, if they choose, add to the amount required by law to be raised by taxation for the support of schools. They are authorized by an Act of the last Legislature to devote the balance of the dog tax remaining unexpended at the annual election to the support of schools, or reserve it to pay damages done by dogs to domestic animals. Each district may also raise money for the support of the school or schools within its limits. The City Councils may determine the manner in which the school money required by law to be raised by taxation, together with the literary fund, (including the balance of the dog tax if they choose,) shall be divided among the several districts, or may leave such money to be assigned by the Mayor and Aldermen to the districts according to the valuation of the districts for the year. The usual method has been to assign to each district seventy-five dollars and divide the remainder among the districts according to the number of scholars in the district respectively. If the Councils adopt this method of dividing the school money this year there would seem to be no further occasion for their action upon the subject of school revenue, as thus divided the money furnished to each district is understood to be satisfactory. A city ordinance provides for the election of a Superintendent of schools not included within the limits of the Union District, to be chosen by the Councils in joint convention in the month of March in this year. Except as to the matters above alluded to, I am not aware that the City Councils will be called upon to take any action in relation to schools. The high school building has been completed within the past year. It is worthy of remark that an edifice of such plan and dimensions, so thoroughly built and elegantly finished, and so completely furnished with every convenience and improvement, so satisfactory in every way, has been furnished within the amount previously estimated for its construction.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In 1874 the city accepted the library and property of the Keene Public Library Association on condition, among other

things, that the city should expend not less than $300 a year for the first five years, and afterwards not less than $500 a year, for the purchase and repair of books for the library, such expenditure to continue until the library should have an income of $1000 a year derived from other sources. Since accepting the library on such conditions, the city has raised $500 a year for the purchase and repair of books. The Committee on Finance recommend the raising of the same sum this year for that purpose. Until last May the rooms occupied for the library were also occupied by the Social Union, and the expense for rent and care of rooms and library shared equally, making the expense to the city for rent and librarian $300 per annum. Since that time the rooms have been occupied for the library alone, the rent being $300 per annum and the services of librarian the same. Some action on the part of the Councils relating to the care of the library will be called for during this year. The city has assumed an obligation to preserve and maintain the library for the use of the inhabitants of the city. It is for the honor as well as for the interest of the city that the obligation be performed with fidelity and liberality. The report of the librarian, giving certain statistics concerning the increase, use and condition of the library, will be found interesting.

CITY FARM.

Early in the year just closed the City Councils passed a joint resolution authorizing the sale of the City Farm, and property connected therewith. The property was duly sold for the sum, after deducting expenses, of $3,265.38; credit was given for $1,760 of the purchase money. The remainder was paid into the City Treasury. A detailed statement of the Joint Standing Committee on the City Farm will be found in the City Reports.

STREET LAMPS.

The contract with Mr. Edward Gustine for lighting the streets expired the first of this month. Provision should be made at once for the future lighting of the streets if lighting is to be continued. The Committee on Finance have recommended that the sum of $1,600 be appropriated for this purpose. The sum paid last year for lighting the streets and

taking care of the lanterns and pipes was $1,900. The Committee were of opinion that a more favorable contract might be made this year.

MANCHESTER AND KEENE RAILROAD.

One year ago there was pending in the Circuit Court for this County a suit in chancery, wherein the Court was asked to enjoin the city and its officers from paying to the Manchester & Keene Railroad the gratuity which the City Councils had voted to aid the corporation in building their railroad from Keene to Greenfield. A question as to the constitutionality of the law under which that vote was passed was then pending in the Superior Court. That question was decided in favor of the constitutionality of the law. Two other questions of law were thereupon raised as to the legality of the action of the Councils. At the last Law Term, at Concord, the Supreme Court decided both of these questions in favor of the legality of the vote of the Councils, and ordered that the Bill of complaint be dismissed. If this mandate be carried into effect in our County Court, the suit is disposed of. It is not known that any other obstacle exists to the issuing of the bonds of the city in accordance with the resolution of the City Councils, if the Manchester & Keene Railroad Company shall fully comply with the conditions of the grant.

CONCLUSION.

Gentlemen, we have to-day taken upon ourselves an important trust. The people will look that we perform our duties with diligence and fidelity, prudence and economy.

At the close of the Mayor's address, on motion, the members of the City Government adjourned to meet in joint convention at 7½ o'clock, p. m., when L. C. Doolittle was elected City Clerk. Afterward the Council was organized by the choice of Gardner C. Hill, President, and C. A. Gale, Clerk.

The Council then adjourned.

KEENE CITY GOVERNMENT,

1877.

MAYOR:

EDWARD FARRAR.

ALDERMEN:

WARD 1.
George W. Ball.

WARD 2.
Thomas E. Hatch.

WARD 3.
Ira F. Prouty.

WARD 4.
George H. Tilden.

WARD 5.—Henry S. Martin.

LUCIUS C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk.*

COUNCILMEN:

GARDNER C. HILL, *President.*

WARD 1.
Benjamin D. Hutchins,
James S. Taft,
Luther H. Starkey.

WARD 2.
Orren S. Gleason,
Warren W. Mason,
Orlen D. Pratt.

WARD 3.
William P. Chamberlain,
Jason French,
Harvey Phillips.

WARD 4.
Josiah M. Woodward,
Gardner C. Hill,
Joseph Wilson.

WARD 5.
Edward C. Thayer, Fred. E. Robinson, George F. Sanborn.

CHARLES A. GALE, *Clerk.*

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance.—The Mayor, Alderman Martin, Councilmen Thayer and French.

Lands and Buildings.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Gleason and Robinson.

Bridges.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Sanborn and Wilson.

Streets, Sewers and Drains.—Alderman Prouty, Councilmen Taft and Pratt.

Burying Grounds.—Alderman Hatch, Councilmen Woodward and Phillips.

Fire Department.—Alderman Martin, Councilmen Sanborn and Starkey.

Lamps and Lamp Posts.—Alderman Tilden, Councilmen Chamberlain and Hutchins.

Water Works.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Woodward and Pratt.

Printing.—Alderman Tilden, Councilmen Gleason and Taft.

Schools.—Alderman Prouty, Councilmen Woodward and Starkey.

Claims.—Alderman Tilden, Councilmen Mason and French.

Engrossed Bills.—Alderman Martin, Councilmen Gleason and Phillips.

Public Library.—Alderman Hatch, Councilmen Chamberlain and Hutchins.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Aldermen Hatch, Prouty and Martin.

Licenses.—Aldermen Martin, Ball and Tilden.

Simmons and Ministerial Fund.—Aldermen Prouty, Tilden and Hatch.

Police.—Aldermen Ball, Tilden and Prouty.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Councilmen Chamberlain, Thayer and Taft.

Elections.—Councilmen Mason, Robinson and Pratt.

CITY SOLICITOR.

Silas Hardy.

CITY TREASURER.

Henry O. Coolidge.

CITY MARSHAL.

Edwin R. Locke.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Daniel H. Holbrook, Edward Joslin, John Humphrey.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS.

Lewis Holmes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

James R. Livermore.

ASSESSORS.

John W. Babbitt, Augustus T. Wilder,
Sylvester Spaulding, Charles Abbott,
Laton Martin.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Shubael White.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Dexter W. Gilbert.

JUSTICE OF THE POLICE COURT.

Edward Farrar.

POLICE OFFICERS.

Edwin R. Locke,
George H. Kellogg,
Frank C. Hardy,
Francis D. Griswold,
Frederick L. Pitcher,
Ralph J. Holt,
Philander Howland,
Samuel O. Gates,
Parker C. Butler,
Jacob Staples,
John W. Babbitt,
Jonas C. Rice,
Isaac Aldrich,
Charles Holton,
James H. Smith,
James Bierne.

CONSTABLE.

Edwin R. Locke.

CITY MESSENGER.

Philander Howland.

HEALTH COMMISSIONERS.

J. Holmes Leach, Orren Starkey, Hosea Foster.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

J. Holmes Leach.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

E. E. Bissell, Daniel H. Holbrook,
Joseph Whitney, Shubael White,
Horace Hamblett.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WOODLAND CEMETERY.

Arba Kidder.

CITY SEXTON.

Arba Kidder.

[For List of Members of Fire Department, see Report of Chief Engineer.]

CITY ORDINANCES.

[The following Ordinance was not printed in the Annual Report for 1874.]

CITY OF KEENE:

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

AN ORDINANCE appointing a day for examination of the Returns of Votes for Mayor.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the City Councils shall annually meet in convention on the third Friday in the month of December, for the purpose of examining the Returns of Votes from the several Wards for Mayor, and declaring the result thereof.

HENRY H. DARLING, *Pres't Common Council.*

HORATIO COLONY, *Mayor.*

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Official Bonds.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the following named officers of this city shall not enter upon the duties of their office until they have furnished bonds, approved by the Mayor and Aldermen, for the faithful discharge of their duties in the following sums, to wit:

Treasurer, in the sum of thirty thousand dollars; Superintendent of Highways, in the sum of three thousand dollars;

Superintendent of Water Works, in the sum of five thousand dollars; the Collector of Taxes, in the sum thirty thousand dollars; City Clerk, in the sum of one thousand dollars; City Marshal, in the sum of three hundred dollars; City Messenger in the sum of two hundred dollars; Constables, in the sum of three hundred dollars each.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to City Liquor Agency.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That when the present agent of the city appointed for the purchase and sale of spirituous liquors shall cease to hold that office, no further appointment of such agent shall be made.

AN ORDINANCE providing for the Appointment and Duties of a City Physician.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

Section 1. Immediately after the passage of this ordinance and thereafter in the month of January, annually, there shall be elected by the City Councils, in convention and by joint ballot, a City Physician, who shall hold his office for the term of one year, unless removed by the City Councils.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the City Physician to attend, under the general direction of the Overseers of the Poor, upon all sick paupers and patients under the care of the city authorities, and to report annually, on or before the first day of December, to the City Councils, a list of deaths of the previous year; state the age, sex, and disease of the person deceased. Shall give to either branch of the City Councils, or to any committee thereof, all such professional advice and counsel as they may require of him. Shall vaccinate all scholars of the public schools who may be sent to him by the School Committee for that purpose, free of charge, and generally perform all such professional services as may be reasonably required of him by the Mayor and Aldermen, City Council, and Board of Health.

Sec. 3. He shall attend upon all cases of disease, and perform all the professional services that may be required in the Police Station, or elsewhere, by the City Marshal or Assistant.

Sec. 4. He shall deliver to his successor in office, all papers, records and memoranda pertaining to the duties of his office, and shall receive for his services the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per year, to be paid in equal quarterly payments.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Appropriating Money for the ensuing year.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the following sums of money be raised by taxation, and appropriated for the following purposes, to-wit:

To Build and Repair Highways and Bridges, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For Ordinary City Charges, three thousand eight hundred dollars.

For Fire Department, two thousand dollars.

For Paupers, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For Interest on Water Loan, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For Public Library, five hundred dollars.

For Police, two thousand dollars.

Town Debt and Interest, three thousand six hundred dollars.

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing a contract for Lighting Street Lamps.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Mayor be authorized, in behalf of the City, to enter into a contract with the Keene Gas Light Co., for lighting the street lamps, and keeping the same in repair for one year, from January 1, 1877, on the following conditions, to wit:

Said Gas Light Co. shall furnish gas and light all the street lamps in said city on such nights as the moon is not visible, from one hour after sunset till ten o'clock, p. m., for one year

from January 1, 1877, for the sum of fourteen hundred dollars, to be paid in equal quarterly payments. Three lamps to be lighted through the night for one year, for an additional sum of one hundred dollars.

Should there be added more posts and lanterns, not exceeding ten in number, they shall be lighted without extra charge.

The Mayor or City Marshal may, whenever they deem it necessary, light or cause said Gas Light Co. to light the street lamps other than at such times as hereinbefore provided; also, on special occasions cause them to burn through the entire night time without extra charge. All lamps shall be lighted before dusk and none extinguished before ten o'clock, p. m.

Said Gas Light Co. shall keep all posts and lanterns in thorough repair, furnish new burners, stop-cocks and glass when needed, also alcohol for keeping the pipes free from frost, and cause all lanterns to be cleaned at least four times during the year, for an additional sum of two hundred dollars; provided, should any place require new posts or lanterns, it shall not be included in the aforesaid sum.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Dogs.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

Whenever, in the opinion of the Mayor and Aldermen, the public safety may require it, they may order that all dogs running at large in the city of Keene, shall be securely muzzled; and after notice of such order shall have been posted up at three or more public places in said city, and until such order is revoked, it shall be the duty of every police officer to destroy all dogs which may be found by him running at large in violation of the provisions of said order.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Truant Officers.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the City Marshal, Chief of Police, and all the Police Officers of the City of Keene, be Truant Officers.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Fire Department.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department be authorized to take down the old fire alarm, and attach Stevens' fire alarm apparatus to the bell on city hall, after said committee are satisfied it will prove satisfactory.

Second. That the Committee be authorized to purchase one four-wheeled hose carriage, on the best terms possible, and that an additional appropriation of five hundred dollars be made for that purchase.

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting the use of Firearms and other Explosives.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

No person shall, within the limits of the city, fire or discharge any cannon, gun, pistol, or other firearms, or discharge any rockets, squibs, fire-crackers, grenades, or any preparation of gunpowder, except by permission of the Mayor and Aldermen, in writing, or shall make any bonfire, or improperly use or expose any friction matches, or knowingly raise or repeat any false cry of fire; or, between the hours of 10 o'clock, P. M., and 4 o'clock, A. M., shall blow any horn or instrument, ring bells, or in any way disturb the peace. The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be a fine not exceeding ten dollars, nor less than one dollar, and costs of prosecution.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to School Money.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the money required by law to be assessed in the City of Keene for support of schools, and the portion of the literary fund assigned to the city be apportioned among the school districts in said city, as follows, viz:—Seventy-five dollars, to be assigned to the several districts for each school therein, and the remainder to be apportioned according to the number of scholars in each district, respectively. And that the bal-

ance of the dog tax be retained in the treasury for the purpose of paying damages done to domestic animals, according to the statutes.

A JOINT RESOLUTION for Extension of Water Works.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Water Commissioners be instructed to extend the water works by laying a two-inch pipe from Main street easterly, on Baker street, as far as the Towns place, on said street.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Assignments of Wages.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SECTION 1. That no assignment of wages, by any of its officers, on the city shall be valid unless accepted in writing on the back thereof by the City Clerk. And the City Clerk is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the City all such orders.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Woodland Cemetery.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the name "Woodland Cemetery" shall include and cover, not only the cemetery now known by that name, but also the land recently acquired by the city of the heirs of the late Thomas M. Edwards and of M. J. Sherman, which is hereby set apart for the burial of the dead.

SEC. 2. The general care and improvement of Woodland Cemetery shall be committed to a board of Trustees, to consist of three persons to be appointed by the City Councils, one of whom shall serve for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Each member shall subsequently be appointed during the month of January, and shall hold office for the term of three years, excepting in case of persons appointed to fill vacancies, arising from resignation or other cause, who shall hold office for the unexpired portion only of the term of the original appointee.

Sec. 3. The Board of Trustees shall elect from their number a chairman, who shall preside at their meetings; a Treasurer, who shall receive and disburse all moneys, and keep an accurate account thereof; and a Clerk, who shall keep a fair and faithful record of their doings. This board shall make an annual report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, on the first day of December, of the condition of all trust funds in their keeping, of all work done upon the cemetery, the amounts received and expended, and such other matters as may seem to them to be of general interest.

Sec. 4. The Trustees shall cause the cemetery to be properly enclosed, shall lay out and establish the grade of all avenues, walks and lots, and shall construct such as they shall deem advisable. They shall also, from time to time, cause an accurate survey of such portions into lots to be made as they may consider necessary for use, which, with their appraisal, shall be entered upon a plan of the whole cemetery, and so numbered that no two lots shall ever be numbered alike. They shall also set apart and designate by metes and bounds a portion of the cemetery as a common burial ground, in which others than owners of lots may be buried; and no lots in the same shall ever be sold, or enclosed, by any person. They shall have entire control of the planting, trimming, removing and cutting down of all trees and shrubs in the cemetery.

Sec. 5. They shall appraise every lot as surveyed, before the same shall be subject to sale. They shall also re-appraise the unsold lots from time to time, and no lot shall be sold for less than the appraisal. All moneys arising from the sale of lots shall be deposited each month in one of the savings banks in this city, and be kept as a distinct fund to be appropriated exclusively to improving and ornamenting the cemetery, and shall be drawn from the bank only by a vote of the Trustees for purposes specified in their vote.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall keep a plan of the cemetery, and also a record in numerical order of the lots, with separate columns ruled therein for the entry of the amount of the appraisal, the name of the purchaser, the date of sale, and an additional column for remarks.

Sec. 7. All applications for the purchase of lots in the

cemetery shall be made to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, who, upon receiving the amount of the appraisal, shall deliver to the purchaser a deed of the lot sold, signed by the Mayor, under the corporate seal of the city. But in no instance shall a deed of a lot be given until the full amount of the appraisal is paid. If payment is not made within ninety days after the selection of a lot by a purchaser, the lot shall be subject to sale or re-appraisal; and any lot now held or claimed by any person upon which the full amount of the appraisal has not been paid, shall be considered unsold, and subject to re-appraisal and sale as other unsold lots, if the amount of the appraisal shall remain unpaid ninety days after notice to that effect by the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall have been given to the claimant of the lot.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to ascertain what lots, if any, have been sold and not secured to the purchasers by deed, or certificate, and if any, they shall cause titles to be secured to the holders of such lots upon being satisfied that the full amount of the appraisal has been paid.

Sec. 9. The Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to draw and expend such sums of money from the Woodland Cemetery fund as they may deem expedient, to improve and ornament the cemetery, but shall have no power to pledge the credit of the city for any debts they may incur.

Sec. 10. The Board of Trustees shall receive for their services such sums as the City Councils shall allow them.

Sec. 11. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 1878.

AN ORDINANCE for the protection of Shade Trees.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

Section 1. No person shall be allowed to post any bills, advertisements, cards, or notices of any kind, upon any tree, placed or growing for ornament or use, in any yard, street, or square, within the limits of the city, without first obtaining the consent of the owners, or permission of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Sec. 2. No person shall be allowed to fasten or hitch any animal to any shade or ornamental tree, standing on any common, square, street, lane or avenue, within the limits of the city, except such as may have a hook or ring in it for the purpose of a public or private hitching place.

Sec. 3. No person shall be allowed to destroy or remove any shade or ornamental tree standing on any common, square, street or lane, within the limits of the city, without the permission of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Sec. 4. Any person violating any part of this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of from one to five dollars.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after date of its passage.

GARDNER C. HILL, *President Common Council.*

E. FARRAR, *Mayor.*

ANNUAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following statement of all receipts and expenditures, from December 1, 1876, to December 1, 1877, together with a schedule of property, real and personal, belonging to the city, and the value thereof, and the amount of the city debts.

EXPENDITURES.

CITY OFFICERS' AND ORDINARY CITY CHARGES.

Keene Chair Co., chairs for Council Room,	$10 00
F. B. Clark, painting,	4 75
W. B. Allen, printing,	9 50
J. J. Allen, recording,	3 85
G. W. Tilden, interest,	36 07
G. W. Todd, team,	22 50
Phineas Ball, sewerage work, 1876,	20 00
J. F. Nourse, stone work,	45 44
Enos Bigelow, water damage,	10 83
E. Farrar, salary as Mayor,	50 00
G. W. Sturtevant Estate, surveying, &c.,	300 00
Sanborn & Hubbard, repair cannon,	35 00
Keene Furniture Co., desk for Collector's office,	20 00
R. R. Powers, work on lock-up,	31 08
F. M. Hancock, painting "	19 50
Spencer & Co.,	28 86
W. F. Whitcomb, painting,	1 45

Bemis & Russell, brick and sand,	$41 90
J. R. Livermore, work on wall north hall,	50 00
Thos. Wright, Overseer of Poor, Ward 2,	20 00
J. R. Livermore, work on pasture fence,	10 00
O. S. Gleason, work on north entrance to hall,	253 75
Dort & Chandler, stationery and duster,	3 88
H. P. Muchmore, Selectman Ward 3,	5 00
E. W. Gustine, gas burner and globes,	4 25
Estate T. M. Edwards, rent,	10.00
Humphrey Machine Co., work on lock-up,	143 50
R. R. Powers, " "	56 70
R. N. Whitney, Clerk, Ward 2,	5 00
Hosea Foster, Overseer Poor,	20 00
C. P. Felch, "	20 00
Wyman Lawrence, Keeper, &c.,	5 50
Albert Wright, Selectman, Ward 2,	5 00
Social Union, furniture for library,	90 00
A. Smith, postage stamps,	2 50
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for hall and offices,	83 84
S. Hardy, Overseer Poor,	20 00
Cheshire Railroad, rent,	30 00
S. White, Overseer Poor,	100 00
S. B. Aldrich, Selectman, Ward 4,	5 00
Charles Chapman, " "	5 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	515 00
S. A. Carter, glassware,	2 67
A. Grimes, hack,	3 00
E. Farrar, salary as Police Justice,	100 00
L. C. Doolittle, salary as City Clerk,	87 50
Davis, Wright & Co., work and stock on lock-up,	121 93
A. Trask, whitewashing,	10 61
P. Howland, trucking,	10 78
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	61 34
A. O. Fisk, Selectman, Ward 3,	5 00
W. H. Babbitt, " " 2,	5 00
P. Howland, salary as City Messenger,	50 00
Davis, Wright & Co.,	6 35
S. H. Taft, Selectman, Ward 1,	5 00
J. S. Taft, " "	5 00

W. W. Mason, wood,	$14 00
L. W. Wright, Clerk, Ward 1,	5 00
F. A. Faulkner, salary as City Solicitor,	50 00
A. P. Little, surveying,	17 25
C. A. Gale, salary as Clerk of Council,	50 00
Daniel Darling, Selectman, Ward 4,	5 00
J. F. Emmons, Clerk, Ward 4,	5 00
L. Martin, team,	23 00
J. N. Morse, printing,	46 50
E. Ayer, repairing guns,	1 80
Sanborn & Hubbard, work on lock-up,	51 15
W. B. Downer, coal hod,	75
S. A. Morse, Clerk, Ward 5,	5 00
D. Buss & Co., sticks for cemetery,	13 50
Spencer & Co., coal,	6 37
Spencer & Co., coal for library,	17 72
A. J. Williams, Selectman, Ward 5,	5 00
A. O'Brien, " " 5,	5 00
Geo. E. Poole, " " 2,	5 00
Spencer & Co., coal,	15 42
J. H. Smith, Selectman, Ward 5,	5 00
B. F. Foster, work on burying ground,	5 00
L. C. Darling, Clerk, Ward 3,	5 00
Barrett, Ball & Co., brick,	5 50
R. R. Powers, work on lock-up,	52 75
James Donnelly, "	67 93
Davis, Wright & Co., work and iron for lock-up,	71 74
O. S. Gleason, work on lock-up,	179 45
Knowlton & Stone, hardware and paints,	7 51
Bemis & Russell, brick and sand,	35 00
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	32 89
Knowlton & Stone, hardware and paints,	37 29
J. Donnelly, plumbing, lock-up,	9 59
G. W. Tilden, salary as Treasurer,	50 00
Keene National Bank, interest on overdraft,	82 13
Hitchcock & Kirk, stove for lock-up,	24 24
F. M. Hancock, painting lock-up,	33 43
L. L. Hathorn, work on hall roof,	6 00
W. F. Whitcomb, paint,	82

N. G. Woodbury & Co., mattress for lock-up,	$19 65
J. C. Rice, food for parties under arrest,	46 13
E. R. Locke, blankets, &c., for lock-up,	37 08
W. P. Abbott, work on lock-up,	25 00
Howland & Son, trucking,	1 75
M. Armstrong, plumbing at hall,	3 75
O. Starkey, Health Commissioner,	20 00
Hosea Foster, Health Commissioner.	20 00
Ira F. Prouty, " "	20 00
Howland & Son, trucking,	6 41
W. B. Allen, printing,	11 00
A. Smith, postage stamps,	1 98
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery,	27 71
Geo. F. Cheever, use of room, Ward 1,	7 50
C. A. Morse, Clerk, Ward 5,	5 00
Mrs. M. Edwards, rent of land,	10 00
P. Howland, salary as City Messenger,	50 00
J. Holmes Leach, salary as City Physician,	31 25
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	159 50
L. C. Doolittle, salary as City Clerk,	87 50
E. Farrar, salary as Mayor,	50 00
Board of Education,	180 00
D. W. Gilbert, Superintendent of Schools,	65 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for library,	6 80
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for hall and offices,	46 40
James Donnelly, plumbing,	4 14
John Humphrey, Selectman, Ward 1.	5 00
Cyrus Piper, salary as Librarian,	150 00
R. Hyland, Moderator, Ward 5,	2 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery,	4 80
D. Hamilton, rent,	75
E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	25 00
J. R. Livermore, work on wall north of hall,	63 25
T. Colony, rent of room for library,	260 00
H. P. Muchmore, coal for hall and offices,	32 23
J. S. Taft & Co., spittoons,	3 25
F. B. Clark, painting,	2 25
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	6 62
Blake & Mason, directory,	1 50

W. E. Cole, report of births,	$ 2 00
E. Barton, damage to sled,	3 00
A. T. Wilder, Assessor, Ward 3,	180 00
S. Spaulding, " " 2,	138 50
L. Martin, " " 5,	126 50
J. W. Babbitt, " " 1,	120 00
Charles Abbott, " " 4,	92 00
E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	3 00
E. R. Locke, " "	1 75
Davis, Wright & Co., work on stove,	7 25
Post Office, stamps,	2 01
E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	1 75
E. Farrar, salary as Mayor,	50 00
L. C. Doolittle, salary as City Clerk,	87 50
P. Howland & Son, trucking,	9 27
Keene Water Works, water for hall building,	51 00
P. Howland, salary as City Messenger,	50 00
J. H. Leach, salary as City Physician,	37 50
Mrs. H. M. Edwards, rent of land,	10 00
N. G. Woodbury & Co., mattress,	3 50
O. S. Gleason, work on hall,	49 50
Cheshire House, use of hall for elections,	30 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	20 80
J. N. Morse, printing,	50 80
B. F. Allen, supporting watering trough,	3 00
F. M. Hancock, painting,	7 10
J. S. Kinsman & Son, masonry work at town hall,	23 15
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	12 40
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	9 78
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, curtains for library,	10 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery,	8 53
S. A. Carter, pitcher, &c.,	50
H. Colony, table for library,	6 00
R. R. Powers, work on hall,	30 90
D. A. Newton, painting hall,	25 75
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery, &c.,	36 90
E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	6 15
Amos Ross, bounty on hawk,	20
A. A. Bundy, covering door at hall,	8 70

E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	$ 4 50
E. Farrar, salary as Mayor,	50 00
P. Howland, salary as City Messenger,	50 00
L. C. Doolittle, salary as City Clerk,	87 50
J. H. Leach, salary as City Physician,	37 50
Henry Emerson, over-paid tax, 1873,	58 26
H. P. Muchmore, use of shop for election,	10 00
Mrs. M. H. Edwards, land rent,	10 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for hall, offices and library,	48 80
A. R. & E. S. Foster, work on library shelves, and lumber,	10 25
E. Brooks, salary as Librarian,	151 20
J. G. Warren, rent of library room,	73 20
A. P. Little, surveying in cemetery,	271 50
A. Kidder, work in cemetery,	12 05
I. Rand, " "	2 25
A. Kingsbury, bounty on fox,	50
G. F. Starkweather, insurance on city hall,	50 00
E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	1 25
E. R. Locke, supplies in lock-up,	8 25
Knowlton & Stone, paint, &c., for hall,	36 87
A. Kingsbury, painting engine houses,	50 68
	$7,524 04
Balance of appropriation, Dec. 1, 1876, $ 532 54	
Amount appropriated by Councils, 8,800 00	
	$9,332 54

CITY PAUPERS.

W. Hutchinson,	$10 40
E. Lynch,	4 56
Lyman Gay, groceries,	9 96
C. Bridgman, "	24 05
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	13 49
W. O. Willson, boots and shoes,	5 90
C. G. Shedd & Co., boots and shoes,	2 00
J. C. Rice,	24 00
D. Russell, team,	3 25
M. T. Tottingham, coffin, &c.,	16 00

A. Kidder, Sexton, service,	$4 00
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	5 48
J. C. Rice, food and care,	25 25
S. White,	22 32
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	32 41
S. W. Howard, shoes,	1 85
G. B. Buffum, wood,	7 50
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	4 50
C. Bridgman, groceries,	22 65
Hitchcock & Kirk, repair boiler,	1 50
G. B. Twitchell, medical attendance,	64 50
P. B. Hayward & Co., crackers, &c.,	4 50
Spencer & Co., coal,	4 50
C. McDuffie & Co., meat,	70
R. Griffith, trucking,	2 50
F. O. Nims, rent,	36 00
P. Howland & Son, trucking,	5 00
E. Clark, books,	16 04
C. G. Shedd & Co., shoes,	3 65
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	26 83
A. J. Williams, wood,	10 00
S. Spaulding, shoes,	2 25
Spencer & Co., coal,	4 50
N. H. Insane Asylum,	57 77
G. G. Newcomb, wood,	4 00
W. W. Mason, "	8 00
S. W. Howard, shoes,	7 30
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	4 50
State Reform School,	134 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	58 44
J. C. Rice,	14 50
G. C. Hill, medical fees,	5 00
Jackson & Co., meat,	2 30
S. Spaulding, dry goods,	65
A. J. Williams, wood,	4 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	30 00
L. Gay, "	10
W. O. Willson, shoes,	3 25
Spencer & Co., coal,	4 63

Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	$ 5 65
W. & T. J. French, "	22 00
S. Spaulding, shoes,	1 65
S. W. Raymond, moving goods of Barrett,	6 00
S. A. Carter, coffin,	14 00
R. Griffith, trucking wood,	3 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., books, &c.,	79 14
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	34 92
C. Bridgman, "	10 00
S. Spaulding, shoes,	3 90
Bancroft & Griswold, meat,	1 00
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	2 25
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, dry goods,	3 00
J. Adams & Co., meat,	2 00
A. J. Williams, wood,	4 00
J. Adams & Co., meat,	2 00
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	4 50
W. W. Mason, wood,	23 75
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	28 00
A. J. Williams, wood,	2 00
County of Cheshire, keeping persons at farm,	46 08
W. H. Spalter & Co., books,	20 33
N. H. Insane Asylum,	53 37
Mary Noonan, care of Miss Billings,	9 00
Warren Bissell,	1 50
Kate Sullivan,	19 00
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	2 00
W. H. Lewis, coffin,	7 00
J. Adams & Co., meat,	3 50
C. Bridgman, groceries,	5 00
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	13 40
State Reform School,	104 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	17 62
Spencer & Co., coal,	4 50
S. Spaulding, shoes,	1 50
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	18 18
A. Kidder, Sexton, service,	15 00
W. O. Willson, shoes,	2 60
L. Martin, team,	3 00

Seward, Willard & Co., clothing,	$ 75
M. J. Sherman, board of J. Q. Davis,	20 00
D. M. Nichols, wood,	2 25
W. H. Lewis, coffin,	7 00
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	5 00
Seward, Willard & Co., clothing,	8 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	16 50
C. G. Britton, milk,	2 70
Kate Sullivan,	5 00
Geo. F. Cheever,	10 50
F. O. Nims, rent,	24 00
O. N. Powers, care of Davis,	28 50
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	13 47
A. H. Hamblett, care of Conley,	14 00
M. T. Tottingham, coffin,	8 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	17 00
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	16 00
State Reform School,	156 00
N. H. Asylum for Insane,	65 86
C. Bridgman, groceries,	28 26
L. Nims, rent,	8 00
A. H. Hamblett, support of Conley,	14 00
G. B. Twitchell, medical fees,	3 00
A. J. Williams, wood,	2 00
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	3 55
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	8 00
W. H. Spalter, books,	20 36
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	1 90
A. H. Hamblett, board of Conley,	14 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	10 15
D. M. Nichols, wood,	5 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	12 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., books,	6 77
S. Spaulding, shoes,	3 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	24 03
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	1 15
A. H. Hamblett, board of Conley,	14 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	12 00
E. Clark, books, &c.,	8 31

S. Spaulding, shoes,	$1 40
J. F. & F. H. Whitcomb, clothing,	1 30
S. L. Randall, dry goods,	58
N. H. Insane Asylum,	98 02
W. B. Fitch, wood,	15 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	11 06
S. Spaulding, shoes,	2 40
Seward, Willard & Co., clothing,	50
State Reform School,	53 36
A. H. Hamblett, board of Conley,	17 50
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	10 50
L. Bridge, wood,	7 92
L. Gay, groceries,	22 16
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	52 86
Hyland & Dort, medicine,	9 50
	$2,283 87

COUNTY PAUPERS.

S. Raymond, support of Raymond,	$ 3 33
Contingent Fund, railroad fares,	22 70
L. Gay, groceries,	8 56
C. Bridgman, groceries,	37 61
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	26 48
W. & A. E. Metcalf,	6 00
Ira W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 56
M. McLaughlin, support child,	6 42
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 36
W. H. Ellis, support Thomas Ellis,	3 20
S. Raymond, support Raymond,	3 20
S. Spaulding, shoes,	1 65
A. Kidder, sexton services,	4 00
M. L. Fairfield,	4 50
David Russell, teams,	11 50
Shubael White,	20 00
Contingent Fund, railroad fares,	12 80
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 54
S. W. Howard, shoes,	6 00
M. McLaughlin, support child,	6 63

G. B. Buffum, wood,	$18 75
C. Bridgman, groceries,	51 43
C. O. McDuffee, meat,	44
G. C. Hill, medical services,	12 75
W. H. Ellis, support Thomas Ellis,	3 33
Ira W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 84
J. Adams & Co., meat,	50
A. Kidder, sexton services,	2 00
J. M. Farnum, groceries,	1 68
P. Howland & Son, trucking,	4 10
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	51 81
David Wright, wood,	3 75
Mason Guillow, wood,	4 22
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	27 72
A. J. Williams, wood,	8 00
S. Spaulding, boots and shoes	8 65
E. Barton, wood,	6 00
N. H. Insane Asylum,	54 54
J. Whitney, railroad fares,	8 20
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	6 82
W. W. Mason, wood,	8 50
N. G. Woodbury,	4 00
State Reform School,	49 71
O. J. Howard, support of Mrs. Sawin,	6 64
G. C. Hill, medical services,	3 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	107 41
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	35 74
A. J. Williams, wood,	6 00
G. C. Hill, medical services,	6 00
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 00
L. Gay, groceries,	3 73
C. O. McDuffee, meat,	84
W. O. Willson, shoes,	2 50
H. S. Hodgkins, wood,	6 25
Dunbar & Whitcomb, clothing,	4 00
M. McLaughlin, support child,	12 64
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	16 83
W. H. Ellis, support Thomas Ellis,	6 11
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	10 54

Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	$ 31 32
C. Bridgman, groceries,	115 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	46 24
M. McLaughlin, support child,	6 64
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 67
W. W. Mason, wood,	59 25
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	4 50
J. Adams & Co., meat,	3 00
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 54
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	26 76
E. R. Locke, food for tramps,	91 50
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 85
A. J. Williams, wood,	6 00
W. H. Ellis, support T. Ellis,	3 53
W. W. Mason, wood,	6 50
N. H. Insane Asylum,	54 25
W. H. Ellis, support T. Ellis,	3 21
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 57
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 36
J. R. Beal, clothing,	1 35
M. McLaughlin, support child,	3 21
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 43
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	63 14
State Reform School,	78 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	34 58
Mrs. R. Taylor, rent,	24 00
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	1 50
E. W. Greenwood, milk,	2 37
W. H. Ellis, support T. Ellis,	3 04
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 86
M. McLaughlin, support child,	5 47
A. Kidder, sexton,	2 00
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	32 50
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	22 02
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 64
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 53
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	12 59
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 43
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 57

M. McLaughlin, support child,	$4 29
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	6 00
W. H. Ellis support T. Ellis,	3 49
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 36
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	21 95
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	14 50
W. H. Ellis, support T. Ellis,	3 32
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 86
M. McLaughlin, support child,	4 42
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 54
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 65
N. H. Insane Asylum,	54 67
C. Bridgman, groceries,	12 68
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	27 86
Jackson & Darling, meats,	4 85
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	25 00
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 63
Geo. B. Twitchell, medical services,	15 00
D. M. Nichols, wood,	2 25
C. Bridgman, groceries,	30 68
W. H. Ellis, support T. Ellis,	3 32
R. P. Leonard, for W. Leonard,	5 54
M. McLaughlin, for child,	4 43
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	27 56
I. W. Russell, for A. Cheney,	8 86
R. P. Leonard, for W. Leonard,	5 36
M. T. Tottingham, coffin, &c.,	13 50
Seward, Willard & Co., clothes,	15 80
S. Spaulding, shoes,	1 75
Mrs. J. B. Burns, care of Miss Ames,	42 45
Contingent fund, railroad fares,	51 85
O. J. Howard, for Mrs. Sawin,	6 42
W. H. Ellis, for T. Ellis,	3 21
Ira W. Russell, for A. Cheney,	8 58
M. McLaughlin, for child,	4 29
H. R. Raymond,	5 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	19 79
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	23 49
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	44 00

Mrs. R. Taylor, rent,		$28 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,		2 30
I. W. Russell. for A. Cheney,		8 86
M. McLaughlin. for child,		4 43
R. P. Leonard, for W. Leonard,		5 54
W. H. Ellis, for T. Ellis,		3 32
O. J. Howard, for Mrs. Sawin,		6 63
N. H. Insane Asylum,		55 68
E. R. Locke, food for transients,		26 25
W. B. Fitch, wood,		3 25
Dort & Chandler, medicines,		75
A. Kidder, Sexton,		5 00
M. T. Tottingham, coffin,		8 50
J. Lahiff, Sexton,		4 00
C. Bridgman. groceries,		5 96
State Reform School,		51 00
H. Hamblett, moving Sherman family.		15 65
W. & T. J. French, groceries,		16 35
M. T. Tottingham, coffin, &c.,		8 50
S. Spaulding, shoes,		4 25
A. H. Hamblett, goods for Sherman,		4 30
G. J. Appleton & Co., medicine,		6 00
Ben Morrow, care of Sherman,		18 00
S. A. Morse, milk,		3 65
W. & T. J. French, groceries,		23 17
D. E. Ladd & Co., clothing,		8 75
E. R. Locke, food for transients,		19 78
Contingent fund, railroad fares,		5 10
E. R. Locke, food for transients,		30 50
O. J. Howard, support of Mrs. Sawin,		6 44
Hyland & Dort, medicines,		29 59
L. Gay, groceries,		13 94
A. J. Williams, wood,		8 00
E. R. Locke, food for transients,		16 00
		$2,618 07
Balance appropriated Dec. 1, 1876,	$ 563 54	
Amount appropriated in 1877,	2,500 00	
Received from County, April, 1877,	1,159 55	
" " October, 1877,	989 70	
" Milford,	14 14	
		$5,226 93

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

J. D. Colony, use of horse in 1875,		$125 06
J. R. Livermore, bill for December, 1876,		367 24
J. R. Livermore, bill for 1877,		5,627 28
J. R. Livermore, salary, and use of horse,		537 50
B. F. Foster, work on highway,		6 00
D. C. Fogg, gravel, 1876,		11 25
L. Bridge, work with team, 1876,		7 05
J. C. Field, stone work, 1876,		5 00
A. P. Little, engineering, 1877,		2 00
W. H. Spalter, stationery,		40
E. W. Gustine, street crossing, 1876,		148 14

ISLAND STREET BRIDGE.

A. P. Little, surveying for abutments,		48 35
Nourse & Dean, laying abutments,		1,064 00
J. D. Crehore, engineering,		25 00
W. U. Telegraph Co.,		42
Mosley, Wheelwright & Co., lumber,		91 90
Cheshire railroad Co., freight,		30 40
King Iron Bridge Co., bridge,		1,200 00
		$9,296 93
Balance of appropriation, Dec. 1, 1876,	$ 220 63	
Amount appropriated,	9,500 00	
Amount received from King Bridge Co. for lumber,	119 00	
		$9,839 63

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Wright & Wilkinson, repair hose, &c.,	$3 20
S. S. Wilkinson, repair belt,	90
L. J. Barrett, year's pay,	9 50
L. W. Cumings, refreshments,	10 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	25 50
J. Kingsbury, work on hydrants, &c.,	31 38
J. M. Herrick, repair belts, &c.,	5 30
J. F. Danforth, refreshments,	17 65
O. A. Pike, "	13 20

D. Buss & Co., work and lumber,	$20 20
E. R. Geer, repair hose, &c.,	19 75
Dort & Chandler, brush, &c.,	5 20
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for engine house,	22 58
Gay & Whitcomb, paint,	2 50
Sanborn & Hubbard, work on fire alarm, &c.,	61 63
Sanborn & Hubbard,	69 94
F. Harmon, year's pay,	7 25
F. A. White, Engineer, pay, &c.,	36 75
Charles Abbott, " "	27 50
Geo. E. Bradford, " "	25 00
Geo. D. Wheelock, " "	30 75
W. H. Babbitt, Chief Engineer,	30 00
A. O. Fisk, Engineer, pay,	25 00
H. H. Barker, " " &c.,	30 00
A. R. Mason, refreshments,	3 60
Amidon & Chase,	1 25
Treasurer Deluge Co.,	2 25
M. T. Tottingham, painting and curtains,	26 32
Davis, Wright & Co., Stove, &c.,	22 54
D. W. Brooks, ringing bell,	9 75
C. Bridgman, groceries,	16 40
J. N. Morse, printing,	2 00
W. W. Mason, wood,	6 00
Spencer & Co., coal,	1 65
H. O. Brooks,	7 12
F. W. Nims, care engine house,	2 00
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	62
M. Roach, care engine house,	3 60
W. B. Allen, printing,	6 50
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, oil, &c.,	28 24
G. H. Tilden, stationery,	4 25
Keene Furniture Co.,	2 90
J. Coffy, care engine house,	16 00
B. F. Skiff, "	15 00
J. W. Murphy, "	23 25
E. P. Carrigan, "	15 00
H. O'Dowd, "	2 50
G. E. Forbes, "	4 00

Joint Standing Com. Fire Dep't, fire alarm and hose carriage,		$23 00
Blake Hose Co., hose,		91 27
R. R. Powers,		11 10
Phelps Brothers, repairs,		2 00
Howland & Son, trucking,		50
J. Boyd & Son,		15 00
Cheshire Railroad Co., freight bill,		14 55
Hunneman & Co.,		8 00
J. T. Ryan, hose carriage,		700 00
J. S. Smith, ladder,		150 00
Express Co.,		1 15
E. Davis, painting alarm,		5 50
Geo. M. Stevens, fire alarm,		159 68
A. R. & E. S. Foster, putting up alarm,		78 14
Drugg & Reed, refreshments,		15 00
Amidon & Chase,		4 93
W. U. Telegraph Co.,		72
W. & T. J. French, groceries,		26 04
O. D. Pratt, use of horse to fire,		2 00
Neptune Hose Co., pay-roll,		190 00
Deluge Engine Co., "		380 00
Phœnix Hose Co., "		190 00
Washington Hook & Ladder Co., pay-roll,		173 45
A. Pettengill, repairs,		1 50
H. Joslin, use of horse to fire,		1 50
Keene Gas Co.,		4 00
A. Gale, refreshments,		8 00
L. Martin, use of horse to fires,		25 00
		$3,035 45
Amount appropriated Feb. 7, 1877,	$2,000 00	
" May 2, "	500 00	
" Oct. 10, "	800 00	
		$3,300 00

STREET LAMPS.

Keene Gas Light Co.,	$1,750 00
Davis, Wright & Co., lamps and posts,	22 00
	$1,772 00

Balance, Dec. 1, 1876,	$375 00	
Amount appropriated,	1,700 00	
		$2,075 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Fleetwood & Hayes, bill,		$6 50
Comstock & Cline, "		12 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., "		842 76
C. B. Fairchild, "		20 00
		$881 26
Balance of appropriations, 1876,	$404 93	
Amount appropriated February, 1877,	500 00	
		$904 93

LAND DAMAGES.

Cheshire Railroad,	$50 00
Asa Cole,	40 00
N. G. Joslin,	1 00
Kate O. Ellis,	3 57
Hattie F. Goodnow,	3 57
J. E. Jones,	3 57
S. M. Richardson,	3 57
M. E. Whitcomb,	3 57
H. C. Goodnow,	3 57
Daniel C. Goodnow,	3 58
John Butler,	1 00
Faulkner & Colony,	1 00
Union School District,	1 00
D. W. Beckley,	205 60
Crossfield & Wellington,	109 83
G. C. Hill,	45 00
V. A. Wright,	1 00
C. A. Gale,	1 00
Hope Steam Mills,	232 19
	$743 62

EXTENSION OF WOODLAND CEMETERY.

Heirs of T. M. Edwards,	$552 42

SCHOOLS.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
District No. 1,	$9,225 08	$7,000 00
" 2,	300 21	200 00
" 3,	201 68	135 00
" 4,	117 22	117 22
" 5,	131 30	44 00
" 6,	173 52	120 00
" 7,	152 41	152 41
" 8,	110 18	110 18
" 9,	152 41	152 41
" 10,	363 55	268 34
" 11,	138 34	138 34
Marlboro' Dist.,	5 45	5 45
	$11,071 35	$8,443 35
Bal. in Treasury, Dec. 1, 1876,	5,934 90	593 49
	$17,006 25	$9,036 84

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Amount assessed for High School Building,	$10,000 00
Amount raised for interest,	2,000 00
	$12,000 00
Amount paid Treasurer of District,	$12,000 00

SIMMONS FUND.

Miss H. Billings,	$12 00
Miss Ellis,	12 00
Mrs. A. Cummings,	5 00
Mrs. R. M. Brown,	5 00
Mrs. A. Read,	10 00
Miss E. Hall,	10 00
Eben Cheney,	10 00
Miss K. Billings,	10 00
Mrs. Hastings,	12 00
Mrs. Jane Tufts,	10 00
	$96 00

Balance, Dec. 1, 1876,	$37 00	
Amount of Interest, 1877,	60 00	
		$97 00

MINISTERIAL FUND.

W. O. White,	$23 93
W. H. Eaton,	23 93
G. W. Brown,	23 93
C. Richardson,	23 93
G. W. Norris,	23 93
J. A. Leach,	23 93
W. W. Hayward,	23 93
P. Holahan,	23 93
Amount of interest,	$191 44

DECORATION DAY.

J. L. Bolster, committee,	$100 00
Amount appropriated,	$100 00

WATER WORKS.

A. H. Hamblett, bill 1876,	$11 31
J. R. Beal, bill, 1876,	8 04
Keene Furniture Co., hydrant boxes, 1876,	3 50
Humphrey Machine Co., bill,	55 62
Sentinel Printing Co., bill,	10 25
Knowlton & Stone, bill,	54 85
J. G. Griffith, bill,	2 50
L. Holmes, salary as Superintendent,	500 00
L. Holmes, Sup't, work on repairs,	66 06
Fisher & Downer, bill,	11 33
Spaulding & Hardy, cloth,	65
J. & F. French, cloth,	1 12
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery, &c.,	30 50
Mrs. N. R. Cooke, bill,	5 00
D. M. Nichols, bill,	7 75
E. Joslin, salary as Commissioner, 1875 and '76,	60 00
J. Humphrey, salary, 1876,	30 00
D. H. Holbrook, salary, 1875 and '76,	47 50
L. Holmes, repairs,	123 88
	$1,029 86

WATER WORKS EXTENSION.

E. Gustine, laying pipe, Baker street,	$273 00
Humphrey Machine Co., bill,	85 00
L. Holmes, construction work,	116 83
	$474 83

POLICE.

L. Holmes, police service, 1876,	$ 6 00
Amos Gale, " 1876, '77,	157 50
George Kellogg, " "	735 75
J. Staples, " "	270 29
J. A. Cressey, " "	20 25
J. Kirkpatrick, " 1876,	5 62
L. Bridge, " "	45 00
L. P. Dean, " "	5 87
P. C. Butler, " "	13 50
F. C. Hardy, " "	28 26
J. R. Rogers, " "	4 50
S. L. Babcock, Marshal, 1876,	27 45
E. R. Locke, Marshal and Police,	744 60
W. U. Telegraph Co.,	1 16
J. J. Tower, caps, &c., 1876,	13 00
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	5 27
F. B. Clark, painting,	3 50
Keene Gas Light Co.,	13 60
H. R. Ward, police service, 1876,	1 80
Charles Holton, " "	4 50
O. R. Wardwell, " "	2 25
S. S. Wilkinson, " "	2 25
	$2,111 92

Amount appropriated, 1877, $2,500 00.

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd of L. C. Doolittle, rents, &c.,	$1,137	00
" " licenses,	50	00
" P. Howland, Messenger,	464	00
" E. Farrar, Police Court fees,	126	00
" " tender to Hope Steam Mills for land damage,	100	00
" E. Farrar, tender to D. W. Beckley for land damage,	80	00
" J. R. Livermore, city pasture, 1876,	166	20
" Cyrus Piper, public library,	28	29
" Eli Brooks, "	44	76
" Interest on N. H. State bonds,	432	00
" State bonds sold, $10,000,	11,055	00
" County, on pauper account,	2,149	25
" Town of Milford, on pauper account,	14	14
" Lewis Holmes, Sup't Water Works,	6,750	00
" Collector, 1875 taxes,	1,600	00
" " 1876 "	15,000	00
" " 1877 "	56,500	00
" T. S. Fellows, reimbursement for aid furnished,	6	00
" Wm. Gleason, " " "	10	04
" James Foley, " " "	12	56
" Henry Estey, interest and payment of note,	265	60
" King Bridge Co., lumber,	119	00
	$96,109	84

EXPENDITURES.

County Tax,	$9,645	96
Ordinary city charges,	7,480	55
City paupers,	2,217	00
County paupers,	2,728	80
Highways and bridges,	9,296	93

Fire Department,	$3,033 45
Lighting street lamps,	1,772 00
Public Library,	881 26
Land damages,	788 62
Extension Woodland Cemetery,	552 42
Schools,	15,525 89
Union School District,	12,000 00
Simmons Fund,	96 00
Decoration Day,	100 00
Repairing water works,	1,043 57
Extension "	474 83
Police,	2,238 87
Interest on water loan,	9,270 00
Town bonds and interest,	9,288 00
Balance due City Treasurer for over-drafts,	1,290 99
Balance due " interest on over-drafts,	25 87
Ministerial Fund,	191 44
Outstanding orders,	114 41
Balance in treasury,	6,052 98
	$96,109 84

ASSETS DECEMBER 1, 1877.

State bonds,	$2,200 00
Note and interest, Henry O. Esty,	1,664 00
Due from State Treasurer,	1,311 39
" Water Works,	662 85
" Collector, 1873,	1,300 00
" " 1874,	1,414 00
" " 1875,	629 42
" " 1876,	6,731 65
" " 1877,	14,372 70
Balance in Treasury Dec. 1, 1877,	6,052 98
	$36,338 99

INDEBTEDNESS.

Town bonds,	$3,000 00
Town note,	200 00
Unpaid orders outstanding,	7 92
Nourse & Dean,	270 88
King Bridge Co., estimated,	100 00
	$3,578 80
Water loan,	155,000 00
	$158,578 80

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CITY.

City Hall building,	$25,000 00
Furniture,	800 00
Fire Department,	10,000 00
Pasture,	4,000 00
Tools and supplies, Keene Water Works,	652 70
Tools and supplies, Highways,	100 00
Liquors,	371 09
City Marshal's office,	154 57
	$41,078 36

We have examined the Treasurer's and City Clerk's books, and find that all the payments therein recorded are duly authenticated by appropriate vouchers, and that the several items are correctly cast.

E. FARRAR,
H. S. MARTIN,
EDW. C. THAYER,
JASON FRENCH.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following estimates of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the ensuing year, and recommend that the same be raised by taxation, viz:

For Highways and Bridges,	$7,000 00
Ordinary City Charges,	4,400 00
Fire Department,	2,000 00
City Paupers,	2,500 00
Interest on Water Loan,	3,000 00
Public Library,	500 00
Lighting Street Lamps,	1,600 00
Police,	2,000 00
Town Debt and Interest,	3,000 00
	$26,000 00

For the support of Schools and State and County taxes, the amounts required by law.

E. FARRAR,
H. S. MARTIN,
EDW. C. THAYER,
JASON FRENCH,
Committee on Finance.

HIGHWAYS.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

KEENE, DEC. 1, 1877.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Keene:

GENTLEMEN: The repairs on the highways and sidewalks during the Winter were very many, and the expenses unavoidably large.

In the Spring the roads were in a fair condition, that is, there were no great "washouts" on any one; so that, generally, all were put and kept in very good order, with less outlay than in the preceding year, if we except the work done on Island street.

The following are some of the improvements that have been made:

OLD STREETS—particular repairs.

ROXBURY—graded with river gravel, and sidewalk covered with rotten stone.

DUNBAR—East end covered with Branch gravel, and sewer extended 164 feet.

CHURCH—sidewalk raised, covered with rotten stone, and a curbstone put in from Main street to Duffy's building.

BEAVER—improved from Washington street to the New Cemetery.

MAIN—above the railroad has been much improved by raising with Branch gravel, and by building a stone crossing from Church street to Lamson's Block.

NEW STREETS MADE—Woodburn, Butler's court, East end George street, Street from George street to New Cemetery, South end of Island street.

CASH ACCOUNT, DEC. 1, 1877.

AMOUNT RECEIVED.

Jan. 2.	Received of City Treasurer,		$293 28
"	"	"	125 00
April 3.	"	"	364 42
"	"	"	137 50
May 10.	"	"	341 10
June 6.	"	"	946 33
July 5.	"	"	1,056 25
"	"	"	137 50
Aug. 8.	"	"	645 99
Sept. 5.	"	"	298 89
Oct. 3.	"	"	137 50
"	"	"	347 95
Nov. 9.	"	"	521 57
Dec. 5.	"	"	811 50
			$6,164 78

EXPENDITURES.

December, 1876:			
Team work for December,			$99 20
Labor pay roll,			58 00
Edward Hatch, team and labor,			3 00
L. Joslin, labor and sand,			2 50
W. A. Barrett & Co., scraping sidewalk & shoveling snow,			10 50
W. H. Abbott,	"	"	4 50
W. Mason,	"	"	10 00
S. Colburn,	"	"	6 00
J. R. Livermore, snowing bridge,			2 00
Howland & Son, scraping sidewalk and shoveling snow,			13 00
J. Kingsbury,	"	"	6 30
L. Holmes,	"	"	5 24
C. W. Wilcox, filing saws,			40
Sanborn & Hubbard, repairing mower,			2 00
George T. Cobb, filing saws,			80
C. Mason, plank and bridge stringers,			30 00
D. Buss, lumber and labor,			21 44
A. R. & E. S. Foster, railing,			5 00

F. D. Reed, care Old Walpole road to his farm, 1 year,	$5 00
A. G. Nims, care D. Thompson road, to his farm,	5 00
W. W. Mason, sand,	3 40
Jan. 1 to April 1, 1877:	
J. R. Livermore, salary, one quarter,	125 00
J. H. Robbins and men, work,	40 50
" teams, work,	5 77
" "	3 44
Thos. Grimes, 5 days' work,	6 25
Thos. Grimes, 436 feet bridge plank,	3 72
Geo. W. Whitehouse, 18 hours.	2 70
E. S. Ellis, men and teams, 4 days,	19 50
Ashley Mason, work, 8 hours,	2 00
Amos Ross, work, 4 days,	6 00
C. Heaton, shoveling snow and cutting ice,	8 50
J. Lawrence, work with team, 3½ days,	14 00
P. Howland & Son, snowing bridges, breaking out sidewalks and carting snow,	18 75
E. H. Wright, breaking roads and cutting ice,	8 00
L. P. Petts, breaking roads and cutting ice,	3 75
D. Stearns, work on road with teams and breaking roads,	11 00
J. Kingsbury, shoveling snow and clearing walk.	8 75
B. Foster, "	12 50
H. O. Estey, breaking roads, 5 days and 5½ hours,	16 65
J. W. Nye, breaking roads and turning water,	2 10
M. S. Buckminster, breaking roads and shoveling snow,	13 42
D. Darling, breaking roads,	12 00
C. Abbott, plank and work on roads,	12 58
S. Gurler, work on roads,	5 00
E. A. Nims, breaking roads and shoveling snow,	26 82
L. Holmes, clearing sidewalks,	4 37
W. H. Abbott, "	4 75
W. A. Barrett & Co., clearing sidewalks,	7 25
Bill of J. R. Livermore, breaking roads, shoveling snow, plowing sidewalks, and work on roads,	30 65
Bill of J. Reason, shoveling snow,	9 33
J. Donahue, "	16 00
P. Earle, "	3 65
A. G. Harkness, painting and lettering sign,	10 00

Bemis & Russell, clay,	$3 60
Ed. S. Ellis, work on highway with team,	6 85
H. P. Ellis, " "	4 27
April 1 to Dec. 1, 1877.	
J. R. Livermore, one quarter's salary,	125 00
" use of driving horse,	12 50
Team work for April,	173 39
Labor pay roll for April,	137 60
Bill of W. W. Mason, breaking out sidewalks in Jan.,	10 00
E. W. Gunn, work 8 hours breaking out roads in Dec. 1876 and Jan. 1877,	3 00
E. N. Gunn, work 13 hours with oxen,	6 20
A. E. Metcalf, painting posts and guide boards,	2 50
J. G. Griffith, blacksmithing,	8 41
Team work for May,	417 60
Labor pay roll for May,	362 26
Bill of W. Dickinson, 352 loads gravel,	35 20
Cheshire Provident Institution, 103 loads gravel,	10 30
Wyman & Russell, 946 feet lumber,	94 66
C. N. Wilder, labor,	12 00
Ray Bros., "	12 96
O. Seward, drawing plank,	1 35
Team work for June,	480 24
Labor pay roll for June,	346 23
Bill of Howland & Son, trucking,	75
H. Giffin, "	1 50
D. Reed, stone,	48 20
Cheshire Railroad Co., freight bills,	24 71
Bill of Spencer & Co., hardware, &c.,	18 29
O. S. Gleason, work and lumber,	9 60
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, &c.,	19 23
E. S. Ellis, work on roads,	32 30
C. H. Abbott, "	24 45
I. Curtis, "	50 75
J. R. Livermore, one quarter's salary,	125 00
J. R. Livermore, use of driving horse,	12 50
Team work for July,	261 66
Labor pay roll,	283 24
Bill of H. M. Nims, work and sand,	28 88

S. Gurler, work and sand,	$37 50
Henry O. Esty, "	4 50
Ray Brothers, blacksmithing,	7 51
W. Dickinson, 165 loads gravel,	16 50
N. G. Woodbury, 100 loads gravel,	5 00
C. Pressler, 8 loads gravel,	1 20
Team work for August,	127 49
Labor pay roll for August,	171 40
Team work for September,	167 16
Labor pay roll for September,	109 93
Bill of W. Dickinson, 80 loads sand,	8 00
R. Richardson, 50 loads gravel,	7 50
J. Smith, 46 loads sand,	3 68
H. W. Clapp, sewerage,	42 00
Cheshire Railroad Company, freight,	2 35
Ray Brothers, blacksmithing,	7 33
J. R. Livermore, one quarter's salary,	125 00
J. R. Livermore, use of horse,	12 50
Team work for October,	296 42
Labor pay roll for October,	153 06
Bill of O. Seward, trucking,	1 35
Sanborn & Hubbard,	27 72
Rufus S. Graves, keeping road in repair from his house to Marlboro' road one year, as per agreement,	10 00
A. B. &. S. W. Skinner,	28 02
Ashuelot Railroad Co.,	5 00
Team work for November,	326 25
Labor pay roll for November,	195 25
Bill of M. Blake, sand,	15 00
C. Faulkner, "	15 00
Cheshire Railroad Co., 103 loads sand,	10 30
W. Dickinson, rotten stone,	2 50
Knowlton & Stone, hardware and drain pipe,	73 27
C. Mason, work on road,	20 95
A. Nims, work on Daniel Thompson road,	5 00
A. Nims, work on road,	5 00
J. Menter, 475 feet bridge plank,	4 75
H. L. & E. Goodnow, hemlock lumber,	21 68
N. G. Woodbury, "	10 50

Cheshire Co., stone at jail,	$41 00
Ray Brothers, blacksmithing,	3 78
O. S. Gleason, repairing fence,	2 00
C. Mason, lumber,	53 83
E. Hatch, work on road,	5 00
Spencer & Co., hardware,	44
Expended on account of highways,	$6,164 78
Cash received on account of highways,	$6,164 78

TOOLS, STONE, &c., ON HAND.

The following is a list of tools, &c. :—

3 plows, 1 large road scraper, 3 small road scrapers, 12 picks, 8 shovels, 1 wheelbarrow, 3 large drills, 4 small drills, 3 iron bars, 2 hoes, 1 paving hammer, 1 saw, 1 cold chisel, 2 axes, stone, 100 sq. ft.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LIVERMORE,

Superintendent of Highways.

REPORT OF AGENT OF CITY PASTURE.

RECEIPTS.

Received for pasturing cows, Dec. 1st,	$163 94
Received for gravel,	6 20
	$170 14
Deposited with City Treasurer,	$170 14

EXPENDITURES.

Repairing fences, &c.,	$15 00

There have been 1,081 loads of gravel taken from this pasture for the use of the city, which at the usual price, 10 cents per load, amounts to $108.10.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LIVERMORE,

Agent of City Pasture.

KEENE WATER WORKS.

WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene :

We herewith transmit the Superintendent's Report, which we have examined and found to be correct. We have examined the Superintendent's books and accounts, showing his receipts and disbursements, and found them to be correctly kept, and that he has proper vouchers for the same. The works have in our judgment been managed the past year in a prudent and efficient manner.

The Superintendent's report sets forth so fully the condition of the works, the amount and cost of the extensions, and other facts, that we deem any additional report on our part unnecessary.

EDWARD JOSLIN,
JOHN HUMPHREY,
DANIEL H. HOLBROOK,
Water Commissioners.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Water Commissioners of the City of Keene.

GENTLEMEN :—Agreeably to the provisions of the city ordinances, the Superintendent respectfully submits the following report.

With the exception of a period of about three months last Winter, the supply of water during the past year has been ample and of unusually good quality.

The works are at the present time in a satisfactory condition. The income from water rates has been somewhat diminished on account of vacancies, nearly one hundred tenements supplied with water having been unoccupied the greater portion of the year, while the frequent rains of the season have, to a great extent, rendered the use of hose unnecessary.

SERVICE PIPES.

Number of service pipes, Dec. 1, 1876,	795
" " Dec. 1, 1877,	824

RECEIPTS.

Collected on 10th assessment,	$ 5 00	
" 11th "	2 00	
" 13th "	22 48	
" 14th "	324 97	
" 15th "	3,125 59	
" 16th "	3,202 74	
Amount of water rates collected,		$6,682 78
REC'D FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN WATER RATES.		
J. R Beal,	$6 40	
E. Gustine,	36 92	
E. O. Keith,	23 40	
E. P. Hardy,	50	
		$67 22
Total receipts for year,		$6,750 00
Amount deposited.		$6,750 00

WATER RATES UNCOLLECTED.

14th assessment,	$ 31 50
15th "	110 01
16th "	486 26
Due from other sources,	35 08
	$662 85

The following bills reported outstanding Dec. 1, 1876, have been paid this year;

A. H. Hamblett.	$11 31
J. R. Beal,	8 04
Keene Furniture Company,	3 50

Humphrey Machine Company,	$140 62
Sentinel Printing Company,	10 25
Moses Ellis & Co.,	13 73
Knowlton & Stone,	38 64
J. G. Griffith,	2 50
Fisher & Downer,	11 33
Spaulding & Hardy,	65
J. & F. French,	1 25
G. H. Tilden & Co.,	30 25
Edward Joslin,	60 00
John Humphrey,	30 00
D. H. Holbrook,	47 50
	$409 37

EXPENDITURES.

The following list, with the exception of the first two items, was included in the Superintendent's bills rendered to and paid by City:

E. Gustine,		$273 00
Knowlton & Stone,		16 21
Humphrey Machine Co.,		77 15
Downer & Saker,		11 95
J. R. Beal,		2 48
Sentinel Printing Co.,		4 00
Boston Lead Co.,		7 87
S. Spaulding,		4 75
J. Tiffany,		9 54
Trenching for new work,		60 48
Postal Cards,		20 00
Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co.,		6 00
Cost of repairs, trucking, horse-hire, and other incidental expenses,		102 35
		$595 78
Salaries of Commissioners for year,	$ 90 00	
Salary of Superintendent for year,	500 00	
		$590 00
Making total expense for year,		$1,185 78

Of this amount there is chargeable to construction account,	$389 83
Current expenses,	795 95
	$1,185 78

Amount against Water Works now outstanding:

G. H. Tilden & Co.,	$12 00

EXTENSIONS.

Carroll street, 26 ft. 2-in. pipe,	$ 8 25
Baker street, 928 ft 2-.in. pipe,	288 60
Church and Railroad street connection, 210 ft. 2-in. pipe,	92 98
	$389 83
Construction account as reported Dec. 1, 1876,	$159,503 43
Making total cost of Works, Dec. 1, 1877,	$159,893 26

The following property is now on hand, belonging to the city:

2 6-inch valves,	$60 00
176 ft. 4-in. cast-iron pipe,	84 00
69 ft. 6-in. " "	73 00
115 ft. 4-in. wrought-iron pipe,	69 00
150 ft. 3-in. " "	50 00
200 ft. 2-in. " "	50 00
2 post-hydrants,	85 00
Lot old cement pipe,	10 00
1 4-in. cross T,	8 00
Rubber boots and mittens,	5 00
Pails,	50
3 lanterns,	3 00
2 pairs pipe-tongs,	10 00
1 hammer-wrench,	1 00
1 pair snips,	3 00
25 picks,	34 00
Lot shovels,	15 00
Rubber cloth and twine,	30 00
8 stopcocks,	10 00
1 1¼-in. valve,	2 00

1 trenching pump,	$8 00
2 bush-hooks,	2 00
Lot screen wire,	3 50
Lead pipe,	3 00
3 iron shut-off boxes,	3 70
Office furniture,	30 00
	$652 70

LEWIS HOLMES, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF ENGINEERS, Dec. 1, 1877.

To His Honor the Mayor, and Gentlemen of the City Councils:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the city ordinances for the government of the Keene Fire Department, I have the honor to submit the following annual report of the affairs of the Department for the year ending December 1, 1877, with a statement of its labors during the year, and such other matters pertaining to its general management as occur to me. This has been a most fortunate year in the small number of fires that have occurred. Seldom, if ever, in the history of the city, have the losses caused thereby been so small. This is mainly accounted for by the efficiency of the Department, and our ample water supply. The entire force of the Department at present is as follows: One Chief Engineer and six Assistants; one hand fire engine, 20 men; one hook and ladder truck, 20 men; three four-wheeled hand hose carriages, each 20 men; also one hand engine at South Keene, and two two-wheeled hose carriages, one of which is located at Symonds' Tannery and the other at Beaver Mills. The engine and carriages are manned by men employed at the works where they are located. Some changes have taken place in the membership of the Department during the year, but the full complement of members has been maintained throughout. The Department has been called out six times to fires and alarms during the year. I am glad to state that no very destructive fire is to be reported in this number. Annexed herewith is a list of alarms, fires, losses, &c.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in perfect working order. During the year a new four-wheeled hose carriage has been procured for Nep-

time Hose Company, No. 2, to take the place of the two old jumpers. The engine houses are also in good condition.

HOSE.

There is now in the Department 5019 feet of hose, of the following descriptions: 3069 feet of leather hose, 2½ inch, in good condition; 450 feet of linen hose, nearly worn out; 100 feet of 2½ inch rubber lined hose, procured the past year; and 400 feet of 2 inch hose, about played out. One 50 ft. length of the linen hose has been condemned, and the other 450 feet will have to be condemned after another year's service. I would recommend that there be 500 feet more of rubber lined hose procured, so that all three companies can have a relay of good 2½ inch hose, which would make 1200 feet for each company, and they generally carry 600 feet on each carriage.

STEAMER.

I would also recommend that the Hand Engines and two Jumpers be sold, and that a light Steamer be procured; the water pressure is getting so low that it is almost impossible to get any force of stream half a mile away from the main pipe. With a Steamer, the Department might be reduced to one-third the number of men, and the expense be no greater than at present.

I would again call attention to the large number of hydrants in the sidewalks, and urgently request that they be removed to the outside of the walks next season.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I would return my thanks to His Honor, the Mayor, for the many courtesies shown me during the year; to the several gentlemen of the City Government with whom my official relations brought me in contact, particularly the Committee on Fire Department, and the Superintendent of Water Works; also, to the Police Department, for promptness and efficiency at all times, and to the citizens generally for the kindly interest they have always manifested in the welfare of the Department. I can heartily commend the discipline of the Department, which I think was never better than at the present time, and for which I return thanks to my Assistant-Engineers, to the Foremen of the several companies, and to each

member of the same, almost all of whom were prompt to obey all orders, to each and all of whom, in a measure, is due the successful management of the department during the year, and of which the citizens of Keene have just cause to be proud.

ALARMS OF FIRE.

1st. April 7.—House of Mrs. James Mahar, Elm street. Saved ell and barn. Loss $1,000, insurance $700.

2d. June 10.—House of A. Stiles, Pearl street. Loss slight.

3d. Aug. 10.—Faulkner & Colony's house and barn, West street. Loss $1200, insurance $600.

4th. Sept. 20.—House of B. F. Nichols, Beech Hill. Loss $4,000, insurance $3,400.

5th. Oct. 10.—Cheshire Railroad dry house. Damage slight.

6th. Oct. 13.—House of Faulkner & Colony, Ashuelot street; chimney burnt out; damage slight.

Total amount of loss by fires this year,	$6,200
Total amount of insurance,	4,700
Making a loss above insurance of	$1,500

PAY ROLL OF THE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS FOR 1877.

(OFFICE UNDER CITY HALL.)

Chief Engineer,	William H. Babbitt,	$30 00
1st Assistant,	Albert O. Fiske,	25 00
2d "	George D. Wheelock,	25 00
3d "	Freeman A. White,	25 00
4th "	George E. Bradford,	25 00
5th "	Charles Abbott,	25 00
6th "	Henry H. Barker,	25 00
		$180 00

WASHINGTON HOOK & LADDER COMPANY, NO. 1.

(HOUSE ON RAILROAD SQUARE.)

Albert B. Carpenter, Foreman,	$9 50
G. F. Drew, 1st Assistant,	9 50
C. A. Mason, 2d "	9 50
J. M. Gowdy, Clerk;	9 50
J. E. Griffith, Steward,	9 50
B. F. Skiff,	7 20
Warren Abbott,	9 50
J. M. Cone,	9 50
Henry Clark,	9 50
H. W. Evans,	9 50
W. H. Preckle,	9 50
A. Richardson,	9 50
A. Spaulding,	9 50
G. A. Whitcomb,	9 50
H. E. Parker,	9 50
Horace Joslin,	9 50
G. N. Peck,	4 75
G. H. Peck,	9 50
Geo H. Kinsman,	9 50
C. H. Mason,	9 50
R. W. Smith,	9 50
	$182 95

DELUGE ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANY, NO. 1.

(HOUSE IN REAR OF CITY HALL.)

Patrick O'Leary, Foreman,	$9 50
Peter Bouvier, 1st Assistant,	9 50
J. F. McCurdy, 2nd "	9 50
C. S. Seavy,	9 50
James O'Leary,	9 50
Patrick Conway,	9 50
John W. Murphy,	9 50
George E. Forbes,	9 50
T. F. Barrett,	9 50
James F. Gallagher,	9 50

Nelson Bartlett,	$9 50
J. H. Burns,	9 50
C. H. Bissell,	9 50
John Leahy,	9 50
Gilbert Perry,	9 50
F. L. Persons,	9 50
George S. Starkey,	9 50
J. W. Ingalls,	9 50
H. H. Ashcroft,	9 50
Frank Hammond,	9 50
Joseph Bouvier,	9 50
W. S. Lovering,	9 50
George Carroll,	9 50
H. O'Dowd,	9 50
C. E. Safford,	9 50
I. J. Griffith,	9 50
A. H. Barrett,	9 50
Fred Clark,	9 50
Maurice Murphy,	9 50
E. R. Geer,	9 50
Arthur Brooks,	9 50
P. Burns,	9 50
W. H. Corbett,	9 50
Gilman Cary,	9 50
T. S. Hannon,	9 50
E. A. Crown,	9 50
Frank J. Tidd,	9 50
John A. Clark,	9 50
Frank P. Richardson,	9 50
Herbert A. Pratt,	9 50
	$380 00

NEPTUNE HOSE COMPANY, NO. 2.

(HOUSE ON RAILROAD SQUARE.)

M. Roach, Jr., Foreman,	$9 50
R. Lowe, 1st Assistant.	9 50
M. Quinlan, 2d "	9 50
W. Trask, Treasurer,	9 50
A. R. Mansfield, Clerk,	9 50
E. Symonds, Steward,	9 50

C. A. Bouvier,	$9 50
W. C. Clary,	9 50
Jerry Doyle,	9 50
John Coffey,	9 50
H. W. Eastman,	9 50
D. O'Leary,	9 50
James Hannon,	9 50
Daniel Sweeney,	9 50
James Coffey,	9 50
Dan Coffey,	9 50
M. Houston,	9 50
W. W. Smith,	9 50
William Richards,	9 50
	$190 00

PHŒNIX HOSE COMPANY, NO. 4.

(HOUSE ON RAILROAD SQUARE.)

J. S. Richardson, Foreman,	$9 50
H. W. Harvey, 1st Assistant,	9 50
A. D. Towne, 2d "	9 50
F. C. Foster, Clerk,	9 50
E. P. Carrigan, Steward,	9 50
A. G. Bryant,	9 50
A. W. Howard,	9 50
G. S. Whitney,	9 50
J. A. Batchelder,	9 50
H. H. Haynes,	9 50
George H. Starkey,	9 50
F. C. Vose,	9 50
E. L. Willard,	9 50
George Rogers,	9 50
C. E. Harrington,	9 50
H. L. Cass,	9 50
W. E. Page,	9 50
George W. Parker,	9 50
Walter Mansfield,	9 50
Charles A. Balch,	9 50
	$190 00

RECAPITULATION.

Board of Engineers, 7 men,	$180 00
Washington Hook and Ladder, No. 1, 20 men,	182 95
Deluge Engine and Hose Co., No. 1, 40 men,	380 00
Neptune Hose Co., No. 2, 20 men,	190 00
Phœnix Hose Co., No. 4, 20 men,	190 00
Making a total of 107 men, paid	$1,122 95

For other expenses, see the report of Committee on Finance. Estimated amount of money needed next year for ordinary expenses of the Department, $2,000.00.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Deluge engine and hose carriage,	$1,300 00
Neptune hose carriage,	750 00
Phœnix hose carriage,	350 00
Two old Neptune jumpers,	250 00
No. 5 Hose Station, Beaver Mills,	125 00
No. 7 Hose Station, West street, tannery,	125 00
Washington No. 1, hook and ladder,	350 00
Niagara engine and hose cart, South Keene,	600 00
Deluge engine house,	1,000 00
Neptune hose and hook and ladder house,	800 00
Phœnix hose house,	800 00
Fire alarm at City Hall,	150 00
1,000 feet leather hose, good,	1,475 00
450 feet linen hose, poor,	458 00
3,000 feet old leather hose,	3,000 00
450 feet 2-inch leather hose,	150 00
100 feet rubber lined hose, new,	115 00
100 uniforms, 40 at Deluge and 20 each at Phœnix, Neptune, and Hook & Ladder,	300 00
Total valuation,	$12,098 00

WILLIAM H. BABBITT,

Chief Engineer Keene Fire Department.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

REPORT FOR 1875.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen, of the City of Keene:

My warrant calls for		$67,354 76
Interest collected,		275 00
		$67,629 78
Paid to Treasurer, as per receipts,	$62,600 00	
Discount on taxes,	2,112 94	
Abatements,	2,256 42	
" on dogs,	31 00	
		$67,000 36
		$629 42

REPORT FOR 1876.

My warrant calls for		$72,341 30
Interest collected,		270 09
		$72,611 39
Paid Treasurer, as per receipts,	$62,950 00	
Discount on taxes,	2,207 20	
Abatements,	711 44	
" on dogs,	11 00	
		$65,879 64
		$6,731 75

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. WILDER,
Collector.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1877.

REPORT FOR 1877.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen, of the City of Keene:

Whole tax called for, as per warrant, amounts to		$75,916 25
Paid into the City Treasury,	$58,400 00	
Discount on taxes,	2,474 81	
Abatement on taxes,	668 74	
		$61,543 55
Balance,		$14.372 70

Respectfully submitted,

SHUBAEL WHITE,

City Collector.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1877.

KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

On the first of May last the Joint Standing Committee on the Public Library removed it from Colony's Block to its present location in Warren's Block, on Washington street. This room is centrally located, and of easy access to the public, and was obtained at a lower rate of rent. With the exception of a few days at that time, and Sundays, the Library has been opened every afternoon since December 14th, and every afternoon and evening since May 1st.

Whole number of books, December 1st, 1876, was	3,221
Added during the year,	427
Total, December 1st, 1877,	3,648

There have been 21,031 volumes issued to readers during the past year. Of this number, 12,561 have been taken out since May 5th, showing a daily average of 70. The highest number issued in one day was 233.

257 cards have been issued during the last seven months. The whole number issued since the Library was opened is 1,587.

There has been paid into the City Treasury during the past year, by the Librarian, for catalogues sold and fines collected, $73.05.

A supplemental catalogue of books purchased during the year has been printed, and is now ready for distribution.

The Library has received valuable additions by gifts from the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Patents, Hon. Joseph Henry of the Smithsonian Institution, Senator Wadleigh, Hon. H. W. Blair, the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Health, Dr. Albert Smith, of Peterboro', and several of our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI BROOKS, *Librarian.*

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1877.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Overseers of the Poor, constituting a Joint Board, the Mayor being Chairman, *ex-officio*, report for the fiscal year, ending December 1, 1877, that they organized by choosing Emerson E. Bissell, of Ward 1, Clerk; and the Board made choice of Joseph Whitney, of Ward 2, to perform the active duties of the respective overseers in Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4, and Horace Hamblet for Ward 5.

In regard to the Poor, the ordinary expenses have been greater than were anticipated, the amount of suffering and privation exceeding previous years. Consequently, a large expense to the city, and also to the County has been sustained. Many of these cases have been under the jurisdiction of the city authorities; therefore the labor of the Overseers has been more arduous and perplexing. All bills in this department have been adjusted and allowed by the Board at the close of every month, and again examined, allowed and passed by the Standing Committee on Claims. The pauper claims since 1874 have increased with the panic of the times, the latter greatly curtailing the demand for labor, and producing pauperism in our midst. Therefore the labor of looking after the wants of the poor in the several wards has increased in the same ratio, while the salary of the Overseers has remained the same, which, in our opinion, is very inadequate for the services rendered.

For the expenditures in this department we refer you to the table prepared by the Committee on Finance.

That portion of the community known as "tramps" are still a great nuisance in our midst, and what to do with them in order to check the rush into our towns and cities is a problem which remains to be solved.

Arrangements were made by the Board with the City Marshal to look after this department, which duty he has performed with great credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

EMERSON E. BISSELL,
JOSEPH WHITNEY,
DANIEL H. HOLBROOK,
SHUBAEL WHITE,
HORACE HAMBLET,
Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF CITY MESSENGER.

KEENE, Dec. 1, 1877.

To the Honorable City Councils:

I have the honor to submit my report as City Messenger from Dec. 1, 1876, to Dec. 1, 1877:

Rent of City Hall for month of	December,	1876,	$86 00
" " "	January,	1877,	40 00
" " "	February,	"	40 00
" " "	March,	"	126 00
" " "	April,	"	26 00
" " "	May,	"	34 00
" " "	June,	"	00 00
" " "	July,	"	15 00
" " "	August,	"	30 00
" " "	September,	"	21 00
" " "	October,	"	20 00
" " "	November,	"	28 00
Paid City Treasurer,			$466 00

Yours, respectfully,

P. HOWLAND,
City Messenger.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

To the Honorable City Councils:

The following report of this office I beg leave to submit for rents, &c., accrued to Dec. 1, 1877, to wit:

For rent of stores, City Hall build'g, to Dec. 1, '76,		$ 512 50
" " " " "	1877,	1,850 00
Ground rent	" "	25 00
Water rents	" "	44 00
Licenses	" "	50 00
		$2,481 50

Received from S. Wadsworth & Son, rents,	$557 00
" F. C. Hardy, "	632 00
" A. H. Grimes, "	632 00
" J. Adams & Co., "	457 00
" Knowlton & Stone, ground rent,	20 00
" S. Babcock & Son, water rate,	9 00
" Licenses,	50 00
Due from J. Adams & Co.,	112 50
" Colton,	7 00
" Knowlton & Stone,	5 00
	$2,481 50

Amount deposited,	$1,187 00
Due,	124 50
In my hands, Dec. 1,	1,170 00
	$2,481 50

L. C. DOOLITTLE,
City Clerk.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Mayor and City Councils of Keene:

The Board of Health, in making their annual report for the year 1877, would render their grateful acknowledgements to the kind Providence that has spared our city from all pestilential or alarming sickness.

We think the healthiness of the city will compare favorably with the towns surrounding it. There is great lack of sewerage in many parts of the city, which we think demands the attention of the City Councils; especially in the rear of Mr. Sherman's barn, on lands of Brigham Nims. A complaint was made to the Board of that locality, and an order made to have the sewer opened from Nims' land to the main sewer; but it not being complied with, and the copious fall rains coming on, the nuisance in a great measure was abated. There were quite a number of complaints of sink spouts and privies, but in most cases the parties complied with all the orders of the Board cheerfully. Respectfully submitted,

J. HOLMES LEACH, M. D.,
ORREN STARKEY,
HOSEA FOSTER,
Board of Health.

CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable City Councils:

In accordance with the Ordinance creating the office of City Physician, I herewith present the first annual report of the same. The city has, during the last year, been especially free from epidemics and contagious diseases.

The general health rate has been good. Forty-two cases have been treated, to which, in all, over five hundred visits have been made. The majority of those requiring medical services have been County paupers. There have been three deaths during the year. Causes of death: spinal disease, 1; measles and bronchitis, 1; convulsions, 1. There have been three births.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HOLMES LEACH,
City Physician.

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

To the Honorable City Councils:

Since the last report of Solicitor Faulkner, the two appeal cases of Wellington & Crossfield, and Beckley, and that of Hope steam mills, from the award of damages to them in laying out Vernon street and 93d street, have been settled, after hearing before the County Commissioners, the appellants taking the sums awarded by the Commissioners. The Hope mills declined to take the sum awarded them at the April term; but at the October term concluded to accept the same, without charge to the city for the continuance.

The suit of Dr. A. S. Carpenter, for alleged injuries sustained through a defective highway near S. B. Aldrich's house, has not been settled. The City Councils appointed a joint Committee, with full power to settle with him; but I understand no settlement has been effected.

At the last April Term, J. W. Buckminster entered a suit against the city, to recover damages for the breaking of the leg of his horse by reason of an alleged defect in the highway near the Fair Ground. This case stands 285 on the docket, and at the October Term was marked "con." as usual.

The suit of Lowell Wilbur against the city, for alleged injuries sustained by defective highway near Faulkner & Colony's factory, which was entered October Term, 1876, is still pending.

At the last Term of the Supreme Court, James B. Elliot entered a suit against the city for alleged damages received to his real estate, by reason of an under-drain from the watering place at Main street school-house, and from Main street down Elliot street to the low land. This action is still pending.

An appeal from the decision of the Mayor and Aldermen in not laying out a highway somewhere on Beech Hill, was entered at the last Court, but it "flushed in the pan" and went off the docket. The city are entitled to a small bill of costs.

These are the only cases now in litigation, as far as I know.

Respectfully,

SILAS HARDY, *Solicitor.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WOODLAND CEMETERY.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery for the year ending December 1, 1877:

EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. A. Mason for work on the addition to Cemetery,		$549 37
Laying water pipe on Eastern avenue:		
E. O. Keith, bill of pipe and labor,	$19 55	
Labor,	3 00	
		$22 55
Work on Fountain:		
Repairing pipe,	$2 61	
Cement,	1 25	
Labor,	1 06	
Tin cup,	10	
		$5 02
Making drain to pond:		
E. Gustine, pipes,	$8 39	
Trucking,	35	
Labor,	4 96	
		$13 70
Mowing brush, &c., in new part of Cemetery,		10 00
Trimming and grading avenues and walks,		36 00
Trimming trees, cutting brush, mowing and raking grounds,		51 46
F. Clark, lettering over gates,		1 50
Superintendent's salary,		50 00
Balance on hand,		82
		$740 42

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December 1, 1876,	$ 2 92	
Received for lots sold,	97 00	
" grass sold	2 50	
" of N. G. Gurnsey,	8 00	
Drawn from Savings Bank,	630 00	
		$740 42

Amount in Savings Bank December 1st, 1877, $2,093 07.

There was deposited in the Cheshire Provident Institution for Savings, July 8, 1876, by the executor of the will of Sumner Carpenter, the sum of $40, the interest of which is to be used for keeping the lot of Sumner Carpenter in Woodland Cemetery in repair.

1877. July 3, in Bank,	$40 00
Interest,	1 83
	$41 83
Oct. 20, withdrawn,	1 50
Dec. 1, leaving in Bank,	$40 33

ARBA KIDDER,
Superintendent.

I certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of Arba Kidder, Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery, and found them correct.

THOMAS E. HATCH,
Chairman Joint Standing Committee on Burying Grounds.

REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON BURYING GROUNDS.

To the Honorable City Councils:

The undersigned desire to submit the following report relative to the improvements made upon the extension of Woodland Cemetery during the past year:

The Committee decided to have a topographical survey made of all the land included in the addition to the Cemetery before any portion of it should be graded, or any avenues or lots should be laid out. This work was done by Mr. A. P. Little, of this city, and the principal avenues were surveyed and located by him, with the advice and assistance of Mr. J. F. Fuller, of Boston, a gentleman who has had great experience and success in this department of engineering.

C. A. Mason was employed by the Committee to grade the causeway and hill on the Southern portion of the addition to the Cemetery, to make the avenues considered absolutely necessary for immediate use, and to ditch the meadow on the boundary between the Cemetery and M. J. Sherman's land. The ditch running North and South is dug upon Mr. Sherman's land, the line of the Western bank of the ditch forming the boundary line. The ditch running East and West is upon the land of the Cemetery, and the Southern line of the ditch forms the boundary line. That part of this ditch upon the rising ground is walled and paved to prevent washing by the Spring floods. These ditches in the meadow are seven feet wide at the top and four feet deep, and will afford sufficient protection against animals on that line of the Cemetery. One is already hedged with evergreens, and the other can be in a few years, at a very small expense, by transplanting young hemlocks from the neighboring hill. The loam and muck obtained from these ditches were used to cover that portion of the grounds which have been graded.

The Committee laid out and graded a lot in a pleasant location on the principal avenue, and set in it the gravestones of Captain Ephraim Dorman, one of the proprietors and original settlers of Keene, and those of the other early inhabitants of the town, which were removed a few years since from the old burying ground at the lower end of Main street, and placed in the rear of the receiving tomb in Woodland Cemetery. They were aided in this by Mr. N. G. Gurnsey, who paid the expenses of grading the lot, removing and resetting the stones.

No lots have been surveyed for sale, as the City Councils have passed an ordinance whereby three trustees are to be chosen in January to manage all the affairs of the Cemetery, and they will be enabled to lay out and grade the lots, avenues and paths upon a plan which will not be liable to any radical change from year to year.

The City has laid out and built a short line of road from the Northern boundary of the Cemetery to George street, and improved the grade of that street, thus making an agreeable entrance to the Cemetery on the North, which is a great convenience to the public.

The whole amount expended upon the improvement of the Extension of Woodland Cemetery during the year has been as follows: For surveying, making topographical plan, &c., by Mr. Little, and fees and expenses of Mr. Fuller, $331 00
Labor and materials, 549 37

Total, $880 37

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. E. HATCH,
J. M. WOODWARD,
HARVEY PHILLIPS,

Joint Standing Committee on Burying Grounds.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1877.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1877.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of presenting for your consideration, a portion of the doings, and general condition of the Police Department for the financial year ending Nov. 30, 1877.

The Department is composed of a force of sixteen men, which has been maintained at an expense as follows:

City Marshal,	$ 100 00
Day and night patrolmen, and extra service,	1,779 75
Total,	$1,879 75

There are some bills of 1875 which have been allowed and are not included in this report.

January 10, 1877, the working force of the Department was reduced to one day and night patrolman; so that the actual pay roll since that date to Dec. 1st, 1877, has been,

To day and night patrolmen,	$1,462 50
Members on special occasions, 30 days,	67 50
Total,	$1,530 00

Whole number of arrests for the year has been,

Males,	229
Females,	7
Total,	236

The offences for which arrests have been made comprise,

Assault and battery,	24
Adultery,	1
Breaking and entering,	2
Cruelty to animals,	6
Drunkenness,	180
Disturbance of the peace,	10
Fornication,	1
Illegal gaming,	3

Larceny,	1
Runaway from Reform School,	1
Three card monte,	3
Threatening,	4
Total,	236
Number brought before Police Court,	32
Amount of fines received by Police Justice and paid into City Treasury,	$126 00

The whole number of persons applying for and accommodated with food and lodging at the Station House since its completion, February 1st, 1877, has been,

Males,	575
Females,	6
Total,	581

Nearly all of this expense, by taking the affidavit of each individual, has been refunded to the City by the County.

The miscellaneous duties of the Police during the year are of no small importance, and will show that while the citizens are attending to their various duties, or quietly slumbering in their beds, the officers have been interested in their work, and faithful to the trust reposed in them.

The following are but a portion of the duties they have attended to under this head:

Disturbances suppressed,	61
Intoxicated persons sent home,	158
Intoxicated persons assisted home,	46
Buildings found open at night and secured,	18
Stray teams found and cared for,	10
Lights left burning by mistake and reported,	12
Defective streets and sidewalks reported,	36
Parties notified to remove snow from buildings and awnings,	15
Street lamps reported not in a condition to burn,	25
Fire alarms given,	6
Nuisances reported,	5
Nuisances suppressed,	37
Number of dogs killed,	28
Value of goods found exposed, and returned to owner,	$130
Value of stolen property recovered,	$380

Schedule of Property in use by the Police Department:

1 stove and pipe,	$24 00
7 mattresses,	14 00
7 pillows,	1 75
6 chairs,	3 90
16 pillow cases,	2 44
12 towels,	1 75
16 blankets,	24 56
1 desk,	20 00
1 office table,	5 00
5 iron pails,	5 00
2 pails and mop,	75
Drinking cups and soap dish,	57
Sponge,	20
1 kettle,	90
1 dust pan,	25
1 lawn mower,	15 00
1 grass hook,	75
1 rake,	25
1 hoe,	75
1 hatchet,	75
1 feather duster,	1 75
1 spitton,	50
1 broom,	25
2 lanterns,	2 00
1 dark-lantern,	1 00
1 snow-shovel,	75
2 brushes,	50
1 coal-shovel,	50
1 General Statutes of New Hampshire,	5 00
1 Town Officer,	2 50
1 inkstand and penholder,	50
Lot blanks,	4 00
2 belts,	6 75
2 batoons,	2 00
2 patent nippers,	3 00
1 chain nipper,	1 00
	$154 57

You will notice by this report that but a very small proportion of the cases of drunkenness have been brought before the Police Court, the reasons for which were, that a fine for the offence would have been taking bread from the mouths of the wives and children, or by sending to the House of Correction would have entailed large expense upon the City and County; consequently, those who were peaceably disposed were given good advice and sent to their homes.

In conclusion, I would say that harmony generally exists among the members of the force, and for their hearty co-operation and support in the discharge of the duties of the Department they have my most heartfelt thanks. And especially to Mr. George H. Kellogg, the night patrolman, I desire to express my acknowledgements for the prompt and faithful manner in which he has performed his duties the past year, thereby relieving me of much care and anxiety.

To His Honor, the Mayor, I am under great obligations for his counsel, wise suggestions and personal favors. Also, to the Board of Aldermen, Common Council, and members of the various departments of the City Government for the courtesy and kindness extended to me during the year.

Upon entering the office of City Marshal, in the discharge of its duties, I have endeavored to dispose of all matters brought to my notice in a faithful and impartial manner, so as to have no one accuse me of favoritism or neglect of duty. How well I have succeeded I leave to the impartial judgment of your Hon. Board and my fellow citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. LOCKE, *City Marshal.*

REPORT OF POLICE JUSTICE.

KEENE, Dec. 1, 1877.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Keene:

The Justice of the Police Court submits the following report:

Thirty-two civil actions have been entered in said Court the past year.

There have been sixty-five arraignments before the Court for the following causes:

Embezzlement,	1
Malicious mischief,	1
Mortgaging without notice of prior mortgage,	1
Fornication,	1
Concealing debtor's property,	1
Kindling fire on another's premises,	1
Entering with intent to take unlawfully,	1
Assault with intent to kill,	1
Adultery,	2
Burglary,	3
Violating liquor law,	3
Being common drunkards,	5
Passing false evidences of debt,	5
Gambling,	6
Being intoxicated,	9
Assault and battery,	21
Larceny,	3

These cases were disposed of as follows:

Sentenced to pay fines,	16
" " conditionally,	16
" House of Correction,	5

Held to answer at County Court,	15
Not prosecuted to judgment,	5
Discharged on trial,	7
Forfeited recognizance,	1

Of those sentenced to pay fines conditionally and unconditionally, 16 paid their fines to the Court, amounting to $126.

The others were committed for non-payment to jail,	6
To the House of Correction,	10

In four of the above cases, the arraignments were before the Special Justice, in two of which the defendants were fined and committed for non-payment; in one the defendant was sentenced to the House of Correction, and in one the defendant was acquitted.

E. FARRAR, *Justice.*